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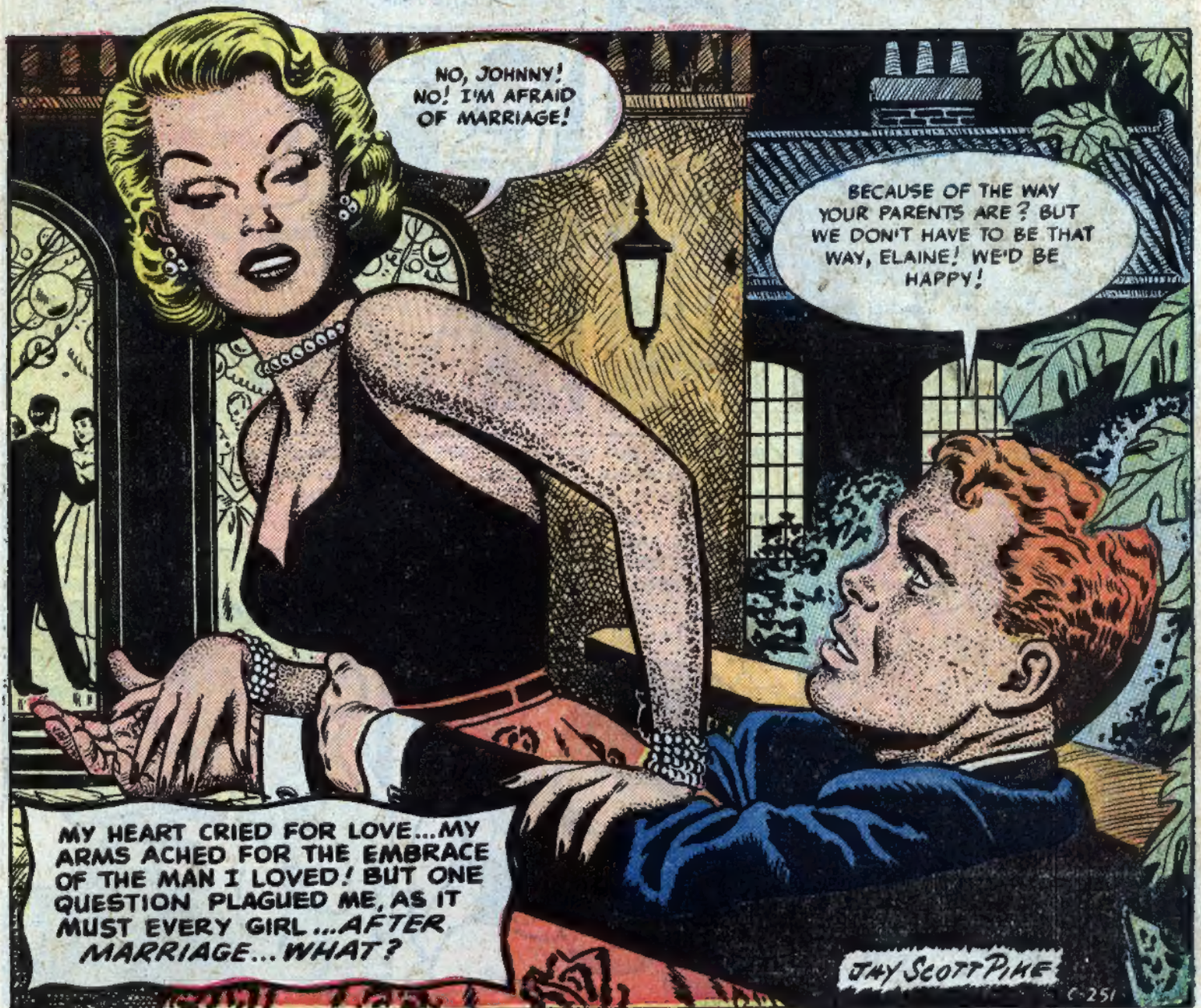
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BECAUSE OF THE WAY YOUR PARENTS ARE? BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO BE THAT WAY, ELAINE! WE'D BE HAPPY!
MY HEART CRIED FOR LOVE...MY ARMS ACHED FOR THE EMBRACE OF THE MAN I LOVED! BUT ONE QUESTION PLAGUED ME, AS IT MUST EVERY GIRL...AFTER MARRIAGE...WHAT?
JAY SCOTT PIKE
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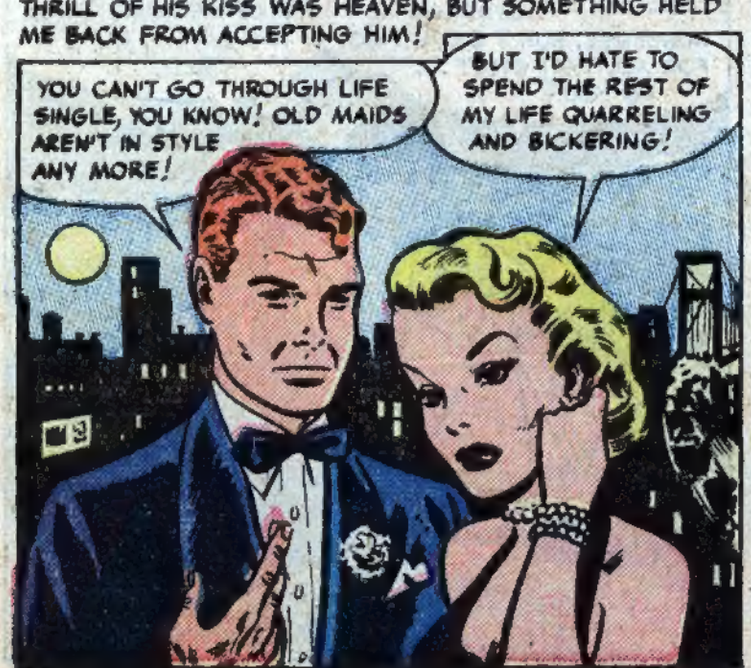
JOHNNY BLAINE NEVER GOT TIRED OF PROPOSING TO ME, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TURNED HIM DOWN! THE THRILL OF HIS KISS WAS HEAVEN, BUT SOMETHING HELD ME BACK FROM ACCEPTING HIM!


YOU CAN'T GO THROUGH LIFE SINGLE, YOU KNOW! OLD MAIDS AREN'T IN STYLE ANY MORE!
BUT I'D HATE TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE QUARRELING AND BICKERING!
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SOMEHOW, LOVE FLIES OUT THE WINDOW WHEN MARRIAGE COMES IN THE DOOR! I'VE SEEN TOO MUCH UNHAPPINESS IN MY OWN FAMILY, JOHNNY! I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
BUT I TELL YOU... OH...WHAT'S THE USE! COME ON...LET'S FINISH THE DANCE!
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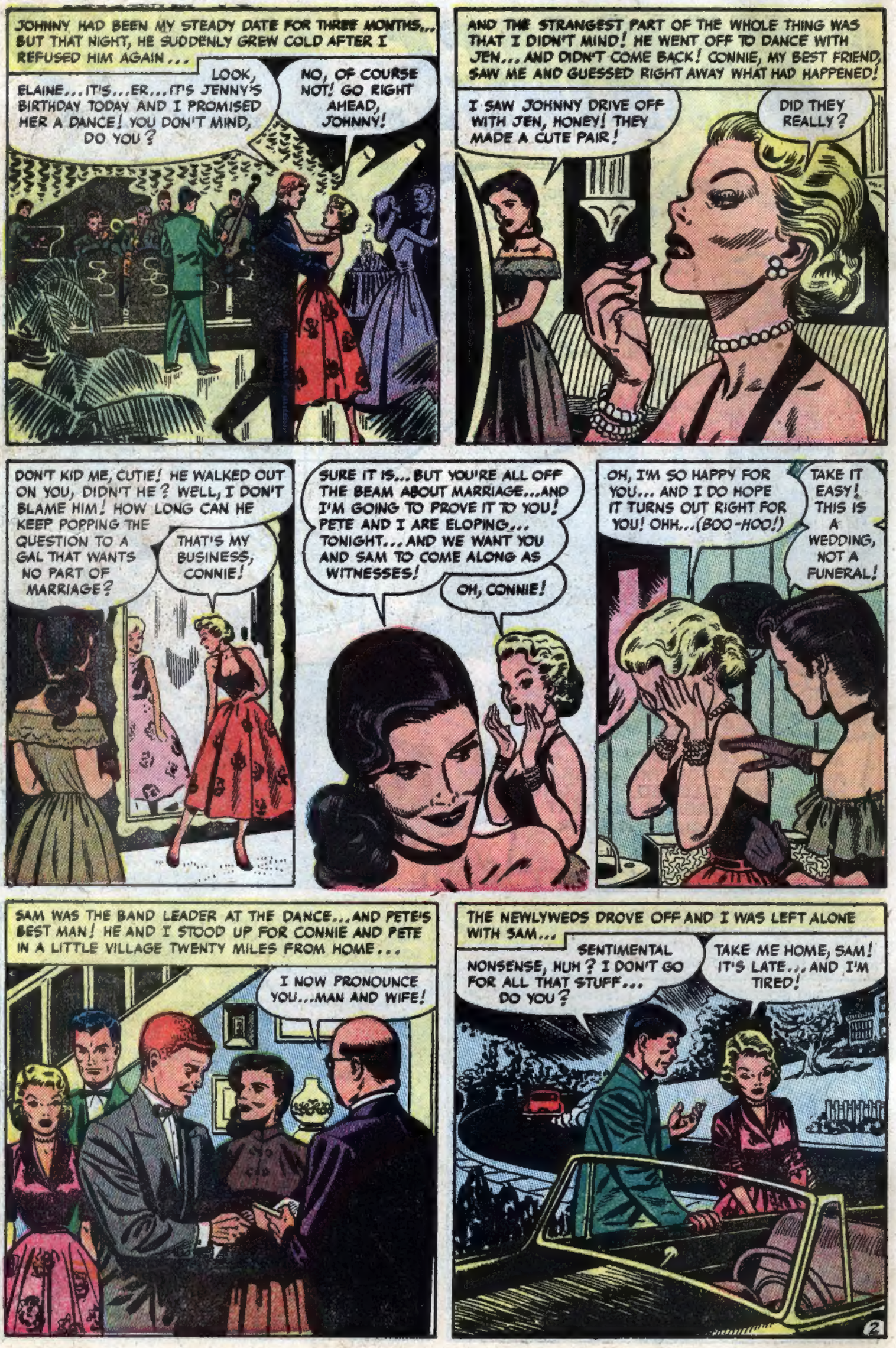
JOHNNY HAD BEEN MY STEADY DATE FOR THREE MONTHS... BUT THAT NIGHT, HE SUDDENLY GREW COLD AFTER I REFUSED HIM AGAIN...
LOOK, ELAINE...IT'S...ER...IT'S JENNY'S BIRTHDAY TODAY AND I PROMISED HER A DANCE! YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?
NO, OF COURSE NOT! GO RIGHT AHEAD, JOHNNY!
AND THE STRANGEST PART OF THE WHOLE THING WAS THAT I DIDN'T MIND! HE WENT OFF TO DANCE WITH JEN... AND DIDN'T COME BACK! CONNIE, MY BEST FRIEND, SAW ME AND GUESSED RIGHT AWAY WHAT HAD HAPPENED!
I SAW JOHNNY DRIVE OFF WITH JEN, HONEY! THEY MADE A CUTE PAIR!
DID THEY REALLY?
DON'T KID ME, CUTIE! HE WALKED OUT ON YOU, DIDN'T HE? WELL, I DON'T BLAME HIM! HOW LONG CAN HE KEEP POPPING THE QUESTION TO A GAL THAT WANTS NO PART OF MARRIAGE?
THAT'S MY BUSINESS, CONNIE!
SURE IT IS... BUT YOU'RE ALL OFF THE BEAM ABOUT MARRIAGE...AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT TO YOU! PETE AND I ARE ELOPING... TONIGHT... AND WE WANT YOU AND SAM TO COME ALONG AS WITNESSES!
OH, CONNIE!
OH, I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU... AND I DO HOPE IT TURNS OUT RIGHT FOR YOU! OHH...(BOO-HOO!)
TAKE IT EASY! THIS IS A WEDDING, NOT A FUNERAL!
SAM WAS THE BAND LEADER AT THE DANCE...AND PETE'S BEST MAN! HE AND I STOOD UP FOR CONNIE AND PETE IN A LITTLE VILLAGE TWENTY MILES FROM HOME...
I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU...MAN AND WIFE!
THE NEWLYWEDS DROVE OFF AND I WAS LEFT ALONE WITH SAM...
SENTIMENTAL NONSENSE, HUH? I DON'T GO FOR ALL THAT STUFF... DO YOU?
TAKE ME HOME, SAM! IT'S LATE... AND I'M TIRED!
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IT'S NOT THAT LATE, BABY! HOW ABOUT A KISS?
STOP IT, SAM! DON'T... PLEASE!

BUT HIS MOUTH PRESSED AGAINST MINE AND HIS ARMS HELD ME CLOSE!
I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU, HONEY!
SAM... DON'T...

BUT I FELT MYSELF GETTING WEAKER... AND I STOPPED FIGHTING HIM! MORE THAN THAT... I WANTED HIM TO KISS ME... AGAIN AND AGAIN!

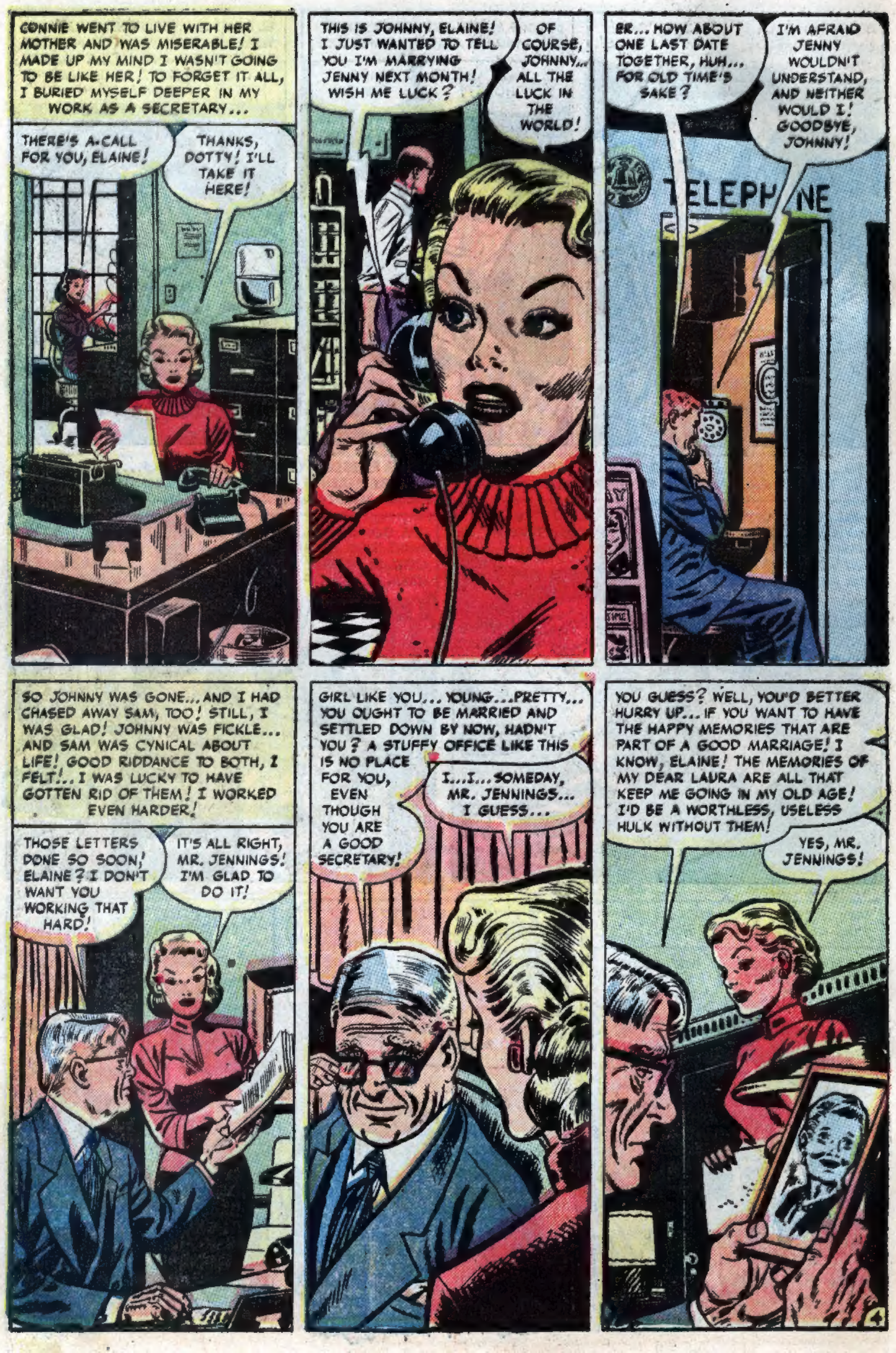
THEN... I TORE MYSELF OUT OF HIS EMBRACE! I DIDN'T WANT THIS EITHER... NOT THIS SENSELESS LOVE-MAKING!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU WANT, ANYWAY? YOU DON'T WANT MARRIAGE... SO I THOUGHT YOU WERE LIKE ME... KISS 'EM AND LEAVE 'EM!
FORGET IT, SAM! PLEASE TAKE ME HOME!

WEEKS PASSED BY... MISERABLE WEEKS... WATCHING MY UNHAPPY PARENTS AS THEY QUARRELED CONSTANTLY... VOWING THAT I'D NEVER LET ANY MAN DO THIS TO ME...
I'M GOING OUT... SO WHAT?! WHAT I DO WITH MY LIFE IS MY OWN BUSINESS! YOURS IS TAKING CARE OF THE HOUSE!
GET OUT! GET OUT! YOU MAKE ME SICK!

THEN... CONNIE CAME BACK... HER EYES RED FROM WEEPING...
OH, ELAINE... YOU... YOU WERE RIGHT! MARRIAGE IS HORRIBLE!
WHY, CONNIE! WHAT HAPPENED?

IT'S PETE! HE USED TO BE SO CONSIDERATE... AND ALL... BUT NOW... HE ACTS AS THOUGH WE WERE MARRIED TEN YEARS! HE LEAVES ME EVERY NIGHT TO PLAY CARDS WITH THE BOYS... GOES OFF ON HUNTING TRIPS... LEAVES ME ALONE! I'M SO MISERABLE!
CONNIE... I...

DON'T DO IT, ELAINE! NEVER GET MARRIED! IT'S NOT WORTH ALL THIS MISERY!
IF I WEREN'T SURE BEFORE, I AM NOW!


CONNIE WENT TO LIVE WITH HER MOTHER AND WAS MISERABLE! I MADE UP MY MIND I WASN'T GOING TO BE LIKE HER! TO FORGET IT ALL, I BURIED MYSELF DEEPER IN MY WORK AS A SECRETARY...
THERE'S A CALL FOR YOU, ELAINE!
THANKS, DOTTY! I'LL TAKE IT HERE!
THIS IS JOHNNY, ELAINE! I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU I'M MARRYING JENNY NEXT MONTH! WISH ME LUCK?
OF COURSE, JOHNNY... ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD!
ER... HOW ABOUT ONE LAST DATE TOGETHER, HUH... FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE?
I'M AFRAID JENNY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, AND NEITHER WOULD I! GOODBYE, JOHNNY!
TELEPHONE
SO JOHNNY WAS GONE... AND I HAD CHASED AWAY SAM, TOO! STILL, I WAS GLAD! JOHNNY WAS FICKLE... AND SAM WAS CYNICAL ABOUT LIFE! GOOD RIDDANCE TO BOTH, I FELT!.. I WAS LUCKY TO HAVE GOTTEN RID OF THEM! I WORKED EVEN HARDER!
THOSE LETTERS DONE SO SOON, ELAINE? I DON'T WANT YOU WORKING THAT HARD!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MR. JENNINGS! I'M GLAD TO DO IT!
GIRL LIKE YOU... YOUNG... PRETTY... YOU OUGHT TO BE MARRIED AND SETTLED DOWN BY NOW, HADN'T YOU? A STUFFY OFFICE LIKE THIS IS NO PLACE FOR YOU, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE A GOOD SECRETARY!
I...I... SOMEDAY, MR. JENNINGS... I GUESS...
YOU GUESS? WELL, YOU'D BETTER HURRY UP... IF YOU WANT TO HAVE THE HAPPY MEMORIES THAT ARE PART OF A GOOD MARRIAGE! I KNOW, ELAINE! THE MEMORIES OF MY DEAR LAURA ARE ALL THAT KEEP ME GOING IN MY OLD AGE! I'D BE A WORTHLESS, USELESS HULK WITHOUT THEM!
YES, MR. JENNINGS!
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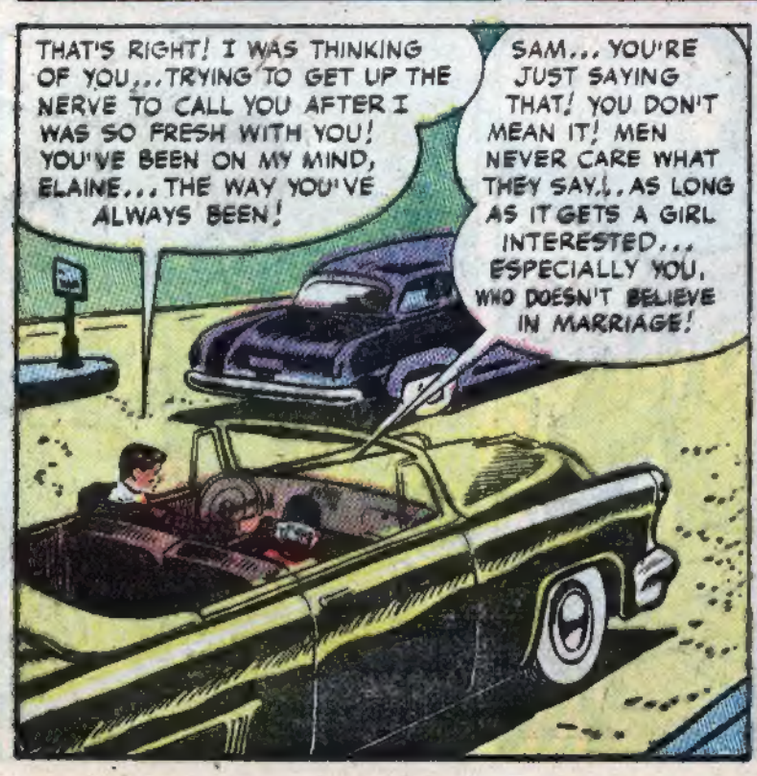
THERE I WAS...STILL UP A TREE! IT WAS TRUE THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO SPEND MY OLD AGE MISERABLE AND ALONE... BUT... I LEFT THE OFFICE IN A DAZE...

THE CAR JUST SIDESWIPED ME! ALL IT DID WAS KNOCK ME OVER! A CROWD GATHERED AROUND ME!

I SAW THE WHOLE THING, OFFICER! THE CAR WAS SPEEDING THROUGH THE RED LIGHT!
OKAY! OKAY! HOW DO YOU FEEL, MISS?
I WASN'T THINKING! I... ELAINE!
ALL RIGHT...


THAT'S RIGHT! I WAS THINKING OF YOU... TRYING TO GET UP THE NERVE TO CALL YOU AFTER I WAS SO FRESH WITH YOU! YOU'VE BEEN ON MY MIND, ELAINE... THE WAY YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN!
SAM... YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT! YOU DON'T MEAN IT! MEN NEVER CARE WHAT THEY SAY!.. AS LONG AS IT GETS A GIRL INTERESTED... ESPECIALLY YOU, WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN MARRIAGE!

SAM WAS CERTAINLY A MAN WITH A LINE! HE EVEN USED THE EXCUSE OF HITTING ME TO TRY TO DATE ME! WHEN I GOT HOME...

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? SUPPER'S COLD! WE CAN'T BE WAITING TILL ALL HOURS...
LEAVE HER ALONE, TIM! PICK ON ME IF YOU WANT, BUT LEAVE ELAINE ALONE!
MOTHER... DAD... I...

...AND THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER! THEY TOLD ME I FAINTED!
OHHH!
ELAINE!
BABY!
THE DOCTOR CALLED IT DELAYED SHOCK AFTER THE ACCIDENT... I SPENT WEEKS IN BED...
HERE ARE MORE FLOWERS, DEAR!
BUT WHO SENDS THEM ALL?
THERE'S NO CARD-- BUT IT MUST BE SOMEONE WHO CARES A LOT!
WHO COULD IT BE? NOBODY CARES FOR ME!
WE DO, BABY!
DADDY!... YOU'RE HOME?
HAS BEEN...EVER SINCE YOU GOT SICK, DEAR! HE HASN'T GONE OUT ONCE!
OH... DADDY!
LOOKS LIKE I'VE BEEN A BIG FOOL, ELAINE! I'VE BEEN GOING OUTSIDE MY OWN HOME FOR MY HAPPINESS! IT WAS ONLY THE THOUGHT OF LOSING YOU THAT MADE ME REALIZE MY PLACE WAS HERE...WITH YOU AND YOUR MOTHER!
IT'S LIKE A SECOND HONEYMOON, DEAR!
DOCTOR SAID YOU COULD HAVE VISITORS TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME!
NOBODY'S COMING TO SEE ME, MOTHER!
EXCUSE ME, DEAR! I'LL SEE WHO IT IS!
RRRINNNG!
GREETINGS! I BROUGHT THE FLOWERS MYSELF THIS TIME!
SAM!... YOU!...I...

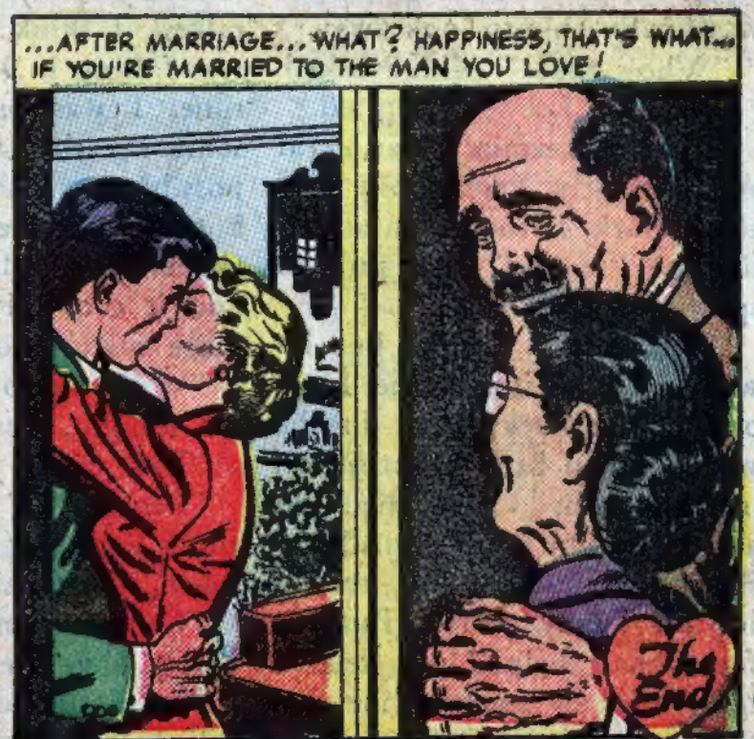
I USE ANY EXCUSE TO SEE YOU, DON'T I? BUT SERIOUSLY, ELAINE... I'VE BEEN WORRIED SICK, ESPECIALLY WAITING FOR YOU TO BE WELL ENOUGH FOR ME TO VISIT!
BUT, SAM...I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

LET ME TRY TO EXPLAIN! I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU, DARLING... BUT I KNEW THAT YOU HATED MARRIAGE... SO I TRIED TO ACT THE SAME WAY! I FIGURED THAT'D APPEAL TO YOU! ACTUALLY, I'M GLAD IT DIDN'T! THAT TOLD ME YOU HAD NO USE FOR SOMEONE WHO ACTED LIKE THE STUPID BOOR I DID!
SAM! YOU DO BELIEVE IN MARRIAGE?

TO THE RIGHT GIRL... SURE! AND THE RIGHT GIRL FOR ME IS... YOU! ELAINE... SAY IT! SAY YOU'LL MARRY ME!
I'VE...I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT YOU TOO, SAM! I KEPT WISHING YOU WERE DIFFERENT!

WELL, I AM! IF WE COULDN'T FORGET EACH OTHER, EVEN THOUGH WE PRETENDED WE WERE AGAINST THE THINGS WE BELIEVED IN... THAT'S LOVE, ISN'T IT?
YES, SAM... IT MUST BE! NOW... ASK ME AGAIN... ABOUT MARRIAGE...

HE DIDN'T HAVE TO! HE HELD ME CLOSE... AND KISSED ME... AND THE KISS WAS TENDER AND SWEET... AND TOLD ME THAT, AT LAST, MY BIG QUESTION HAD BEEN ANSWERED...



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FIRST LOVE

AS I lay across my bed staring blankly at the ceiling I saw Jim as though it were only yesterday. He walked into *Blake's*, our high school hang-out. I was buried in a chocolate marshmallow sundae and a conversation about clothes with Midge and didn't see him as he stood at the juke box. Suddenly I felt his eyes on me and I looked up. The spoonful of ice-cream I held began to drip as I realized it was suspended in mid-air and I was returning his gaze.

Jim Forrester was the handsomest boy I had ever seen, and apparently he was a visitor or newcomer because neither Midge nor I had ever seen him around before. In a small town you know everyone and everyone knows you. He was so good-looking he would have been noticed before if he weren't new. There was something different about him as well as his sandy good looks. He looked—wealthy. That was it, I decided, when I was finally able to look away.

"Who's that?" Midge asked.

"I wish I knew," I replied.

"He was certainly staring at you. Honestly, Penny, you have all the luck. If there's an attractive boy around, he's sure to spot you right off."

"Oh, Pooh," I said, but inwardly I knew it was true. I was one of the lucky ones in the world. I had been beautiful all my life and had known the favor and adoration the beautiful, deserving or undeserving, receive in this funny world. But my father had helped me keep a level head by teaching me that the beautiful can suffer just as much as the unattractive. Now I knew what he meant because I was suffering as I had never thought possible.

I saw Jim Forrester again. It was in *Blake's*. He came over and sat on the stool next to me.

"Hi," he said simply, and smiled.

"Hello," I said. I knew who he was now. He was Judge Forrester's nephew and would be living with him from now on. "You're Jim Forrester, aren't you?" I continued.

"News really travels in a small town, doesn't it? Yes, I am. But that's not important. Who are you?"

"My name is Penny. That's not my real name of course. Penny is a nickname for Pennington. Laura Pennington."

He had a few freckles across his nose, and the corners of his eyes crinkled when he smiled. He smiled often because he was young, carefree, and happy, I suppose. His deep blue eyes looked steadily into mine as we talked. I think I knew then, I was falling in love for the first time. I was only sixteen and some say that real love is impossible at such a young age, but it's not true. The love of a sixteen year old can be as deep, and it can hurt as much as a more mature love.

"Will you go to a movie with me tonight, Penny?" he asked.

"Yes, thank you."

"Penny . . ." he hesitated. "I think I'm going to like you very much," he finished.

"Can you tell so soon? We barely have met."

My mother died when I was a little girl. Dad had been both mother and father to me. Although he was very particular about the boys I associated with, he allowed me to date because he trusted my good sense. When I told him I had a show date with Jim Forrester he seemed pleased.

"Oh, yes, he's a nice young man. Met him yesterday," Dad said.

Jim called for me at seven. I had taken especial pains with my hair and Dad had let me buy a new dress for the occasion. I think he sensed, too, that Jim Forrester was going to become important in my life.

"You're gorgeous," Jim said when I opened the door. Just the way he said that short sentence made me aware that he wasn't like the other boys I had gone out with. In his eighteen years, Jim Forrester had grown into a man.

I don't remember what film we saw. The only thing I was conscious of was his strong hand holding mine and his eyes on me in the darkened theatre. He leaned over during the picture to make some comment and my cheek pressed the soft flannel of his jacket. My heart leaped as though he had kissed me.

He took me up to the door and said good-night, making no attempt to kiss me. Then without caring whether he thought me brash and forward, I turned to him and he folded me into his arms. I felt as though this was the first time I had been kissed. My heart thrilled to the touch of his firm lips on mine and I yielded without restraint. Perhaps I should have been more reserved, but it seemed natural to express the emotion that well-

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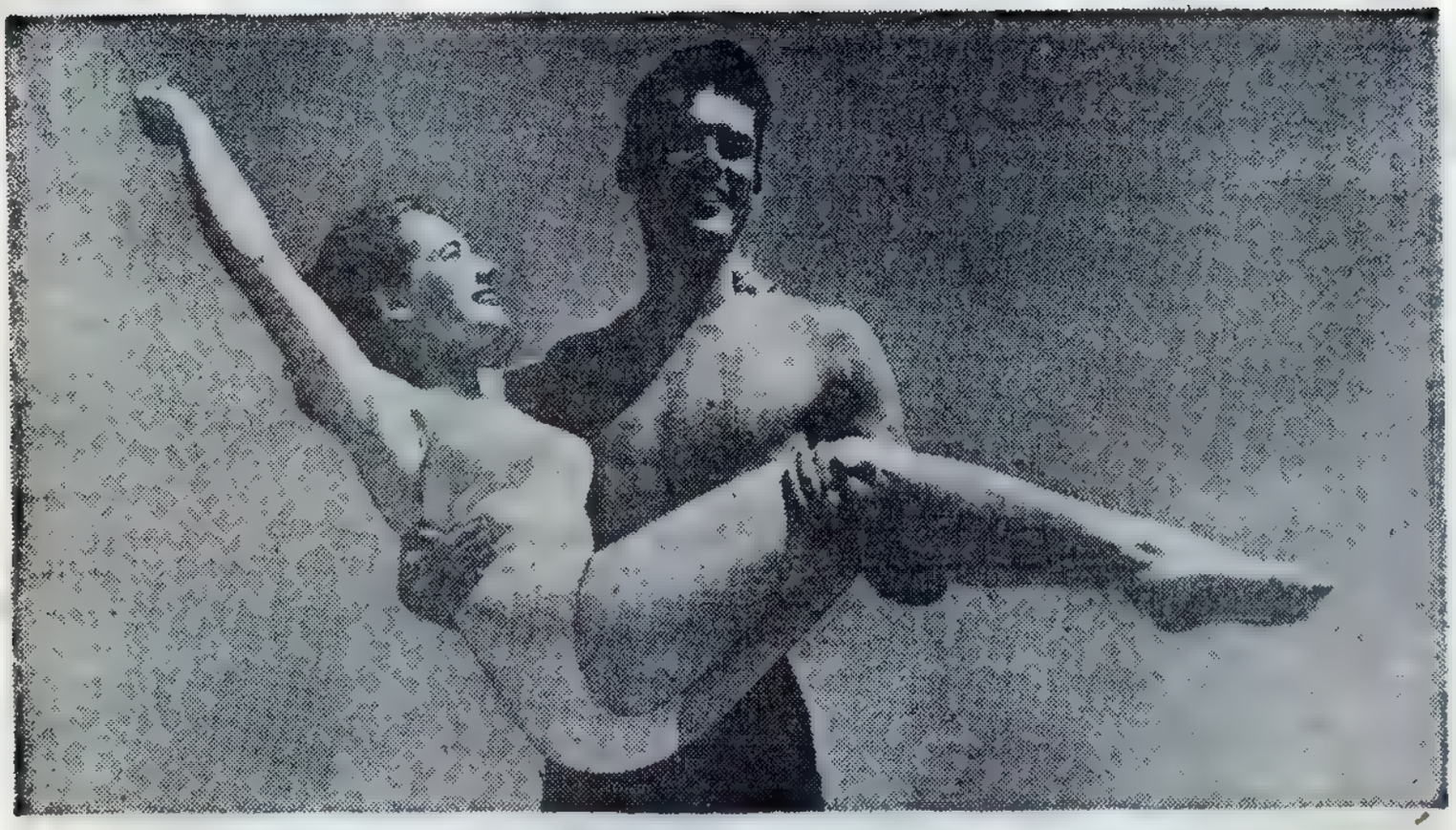

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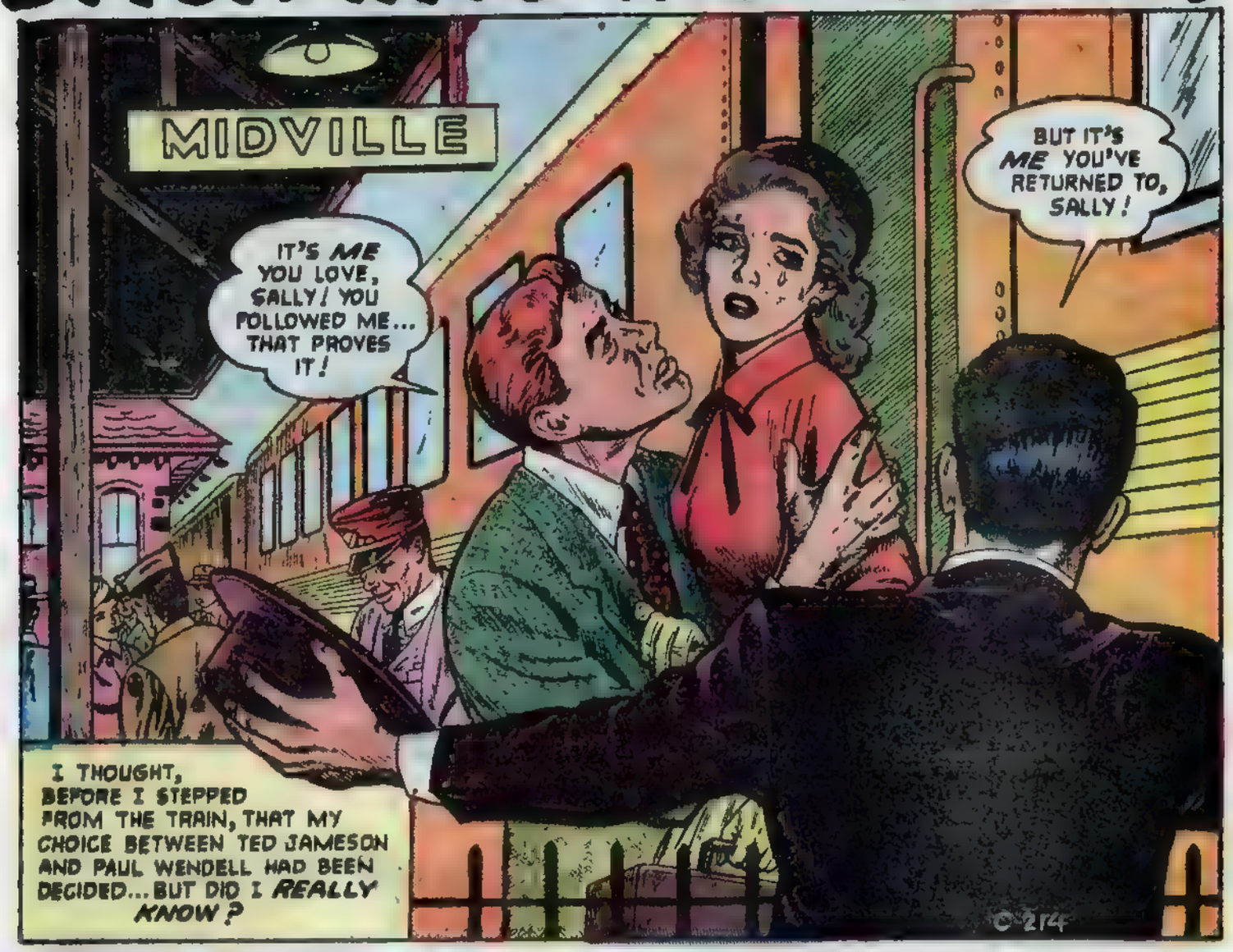
MIDVILLE
IT'S ME YOU LOVE, SALLY! YOU FOLLOWED ME... THAT PROVES IT!
BUT IT'S ME YOU'VE RETURNED TO, SALLY!
I THOUGHT, BEFORE I STEPPED FROM THE TRAIN, THAT MY CHOICE BETWEEN TED JAMESON AND PAUL WENDELL HAD BEEN DECIDED... BUT DID I REALLY KNOW?
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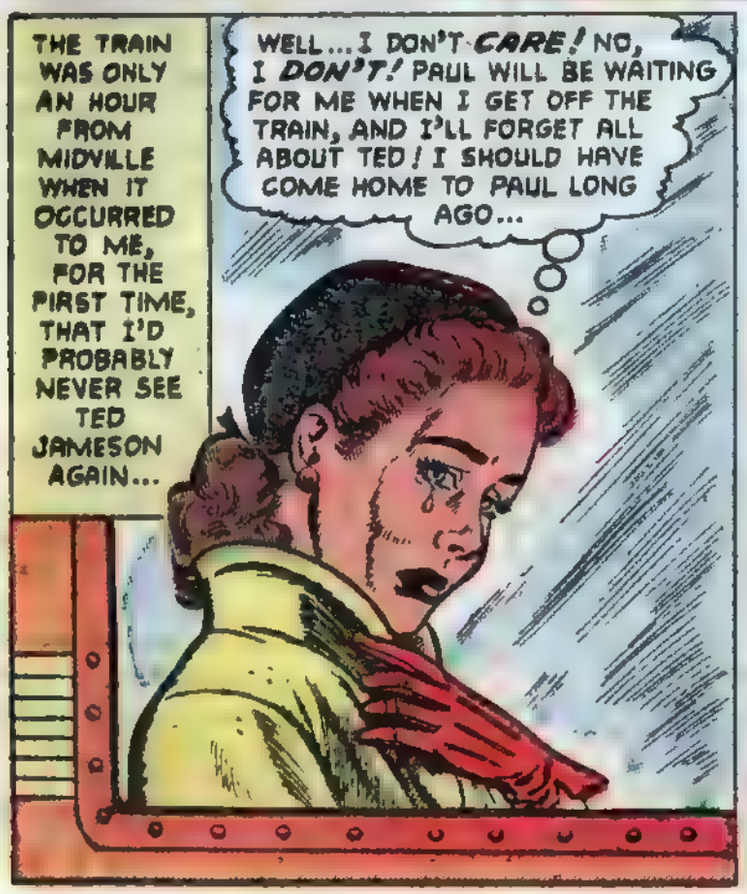
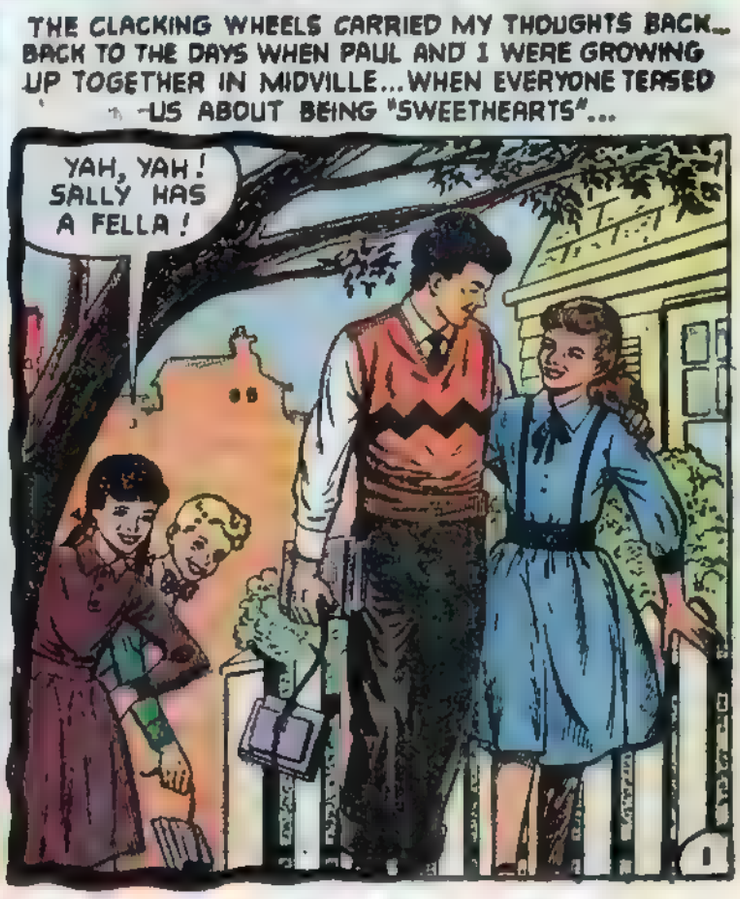

THE TRAIN WAS ONLY AN HOUR FROM MIDVILLE WHEN IT OCCURRED TO ME, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THAT I'D PROBABLY NEVER SEE TED JAMESON AGAIN...
WELL... I DON'T CARE! NO, I DON'T! PAUL WILL BE WAITING FOR ME WHEN I GET OFF THE TRAIN, AND I'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT TED! I SHOULD HAVE COME HOME TO PAUL LONG AGO...


THE CLACKING WHEELS CARRIED MY THOUGHTS BACK... BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN PAUL AND I WERE GROWING UP TOGETHER IN MIDVILLE... WHEN EVERYONE TEASED US ABOUT BEING "SWEETHEARTS"...
YAH, YAH! SALLY HAS A FELLA!

BUT THE TEASING STOPPED AS WE GREW OLDER! AND THEN ON THE NIGHT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DANCE...
GOSH, SALLY, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!
SHOULDN'T WE BE GETTING BACK TO THE OTHERS, PAUL?
NOT YET, SALLY...
OH... PAUL!
IT WAS OUR FIRST KISS...AND THE MOST THRILLING MOMENT OF MY YOUNG LIFE...
NOT LONG AFTER THAT, PAUL WENT AWAY TO COLLEGE! WE SAW EACH OTHER BUT A FEW TIMES A YEAR! I LOOKED FORWARD WITH ALL MY HEART TO OUR REUNIONS... THEN ONE SUMMER EVENING...
YOU'RE GOING TO SUMMER SCHOOL?! BUT WHY?
BECAUSE THE SOONER I FINISH SCHOOL, THE SOONER I CAN START EARNING SOME MONEY! I'M ONLY DOING IT FOR US, SALLY! I HAVE TO THINK OF THE FUTURE!
PAUL SEEMED TO PUT AWAY HIS YOUTH LIKE AN OLD, USED-UP TOY! HE FINISHED COLLEGE IN THREE YEARS AND WENT TO WORK IN THE MIDVILLE BANK...
I DROPPED BY TO REMIND YOU OF LAURA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY TONIGHT! WE HAVE TO BE THERE AT EIGHT, AND...
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T MAKE IT, SALLY! I PROMISED MR. CHAMBERS I'D WORK TONIGHT!
I WAS DISAPPOINTED AND A LITTLE ANGRY AND THAT MADE ME DECIDE TO GO TO THE PARTY BY MYSELF...I WASN'T ALONE LONG...
TED, HERE, CAN BE YOUR ESCORT, SALLY! BUT I'M WARNING YOU, HE'LL STEAL YOU AWAY IF HE CAN!
WHY NOT? I'VE NEVER SEEN A PRETTIER LOOT!
WHEN I CALLED LAURA ON MY WAY THROUGH TOWN TONIGHT, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D END UP DANCING WITH AN ANGEL!
BELIEVE ME, MR. JAMESON, YOU'RE NOT DANCING WITH AN ANGEL!
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IT WAS A COY, FLIRTATIOUS THING TO SAY, AND I DON'T KNOW WHY I SAID IT... MAYBE I WAS STILL ANGRY WITH PAUL... OR MAYBE IT WAS THE PRESSURE OF TED'S ARMS AROUND ME AS WE DANCED... MAKING MY HEART BEAT STRANGELY FASTER...
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT! WOULD YOU CARE TO GO FOR A SWIM?
A... A SWIM?
SURE! I LOVE MIDNIGHT SWIMMING, BUT MOST GIRLS THINK THE SUGGESTION IS AN EXCUSE FOR A PASS AT THEM! SINCE YOU'RE NO ANGEL, YOU WON'T BE SHOCKED! COME ON!
B-BUT... I...
HE WOULDN'T LISTEN THOUGH, AND, A LITTLE DAZED, I FOUND MYSELF BACK HOME, CHANGING FOR A MIDNIGHT SWIM...
THIS IS CRAZY! I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE!
ALL THE MORE REASON WHY YOU SHOULD! IT'S GOOD FOR THE SPIRIT! HOP IN!
WE DROVE TO THE BEACH... MOONLIT AND DESERTED, AND SWAM SIDE BY SIDE IN THE QUIET SEA... THEN...
LIKE IT?
IT WAS WONDERFUL!
HE STOPPED RUNNING AND PULLED ME TO HIM, GAZING AT ME A LONG TIME... OUR FACES ALMOST TOUCHING! MY KNEES WERE GOING WEAKER BY THE MINUTE...
SALLY... SALLY PETERS! THE NAME SOUNDS RIGHT WHEN I SAY IT! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A GIRL WHOSE NAME SOUNDS RIGHT!
HE KISSED ME THEN... IN A WAY WHICH PAUL HAD NEVER KISSED ME... AND I KISSED HIM BACK...
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THAT WAS THE BEGINNING! TED LEFT FOR CHICAGO NEXT DAY, AND I COULDN'T FORGET HIM! I TRIED... BUT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE! THEN HIS LETTER ARRIVED...

... I can't promise marriage yet, but there's a good job for you here where I work, and Anne Williams, a nice gal I know, wants to share her apartment. We could be together a lot...

HURRIEDLY, I WROTE A FAREWELL NOTE TO PAUL! I FELT NO GUILT... I WAS FOLLOWING MY HEART, AND THAT WAS ALL THAT MATTERED! NEXT EVENING...

SALLY, DARLING!

THE FIRST WEEKS WERE WONDERFUL! MY JOB WAS FINE, SO WAS MY ROOMMATE, AND BEING WITH TED WAS BEST OF ALL...

THAT GAL SURE LOVES TO COOK! IT'LL BE A LUCKY GUY THAT MARRIES HER!

YEAH, HE SURE *WILL* BE!

BUT SOMEHOW, WE BEGAN TO ARGUE... FIRST ABOUT LITTLE THINGS...

BUT *WHY NOT* GO IN HERE? *YOU KNOW* IT'S A BETTER PICTURE!

IT IS *NOT*! YOU'RE AS *STUBBORN* AS A *MULE*!

...THEN ABOUT MORE SERIOUS THINGS...

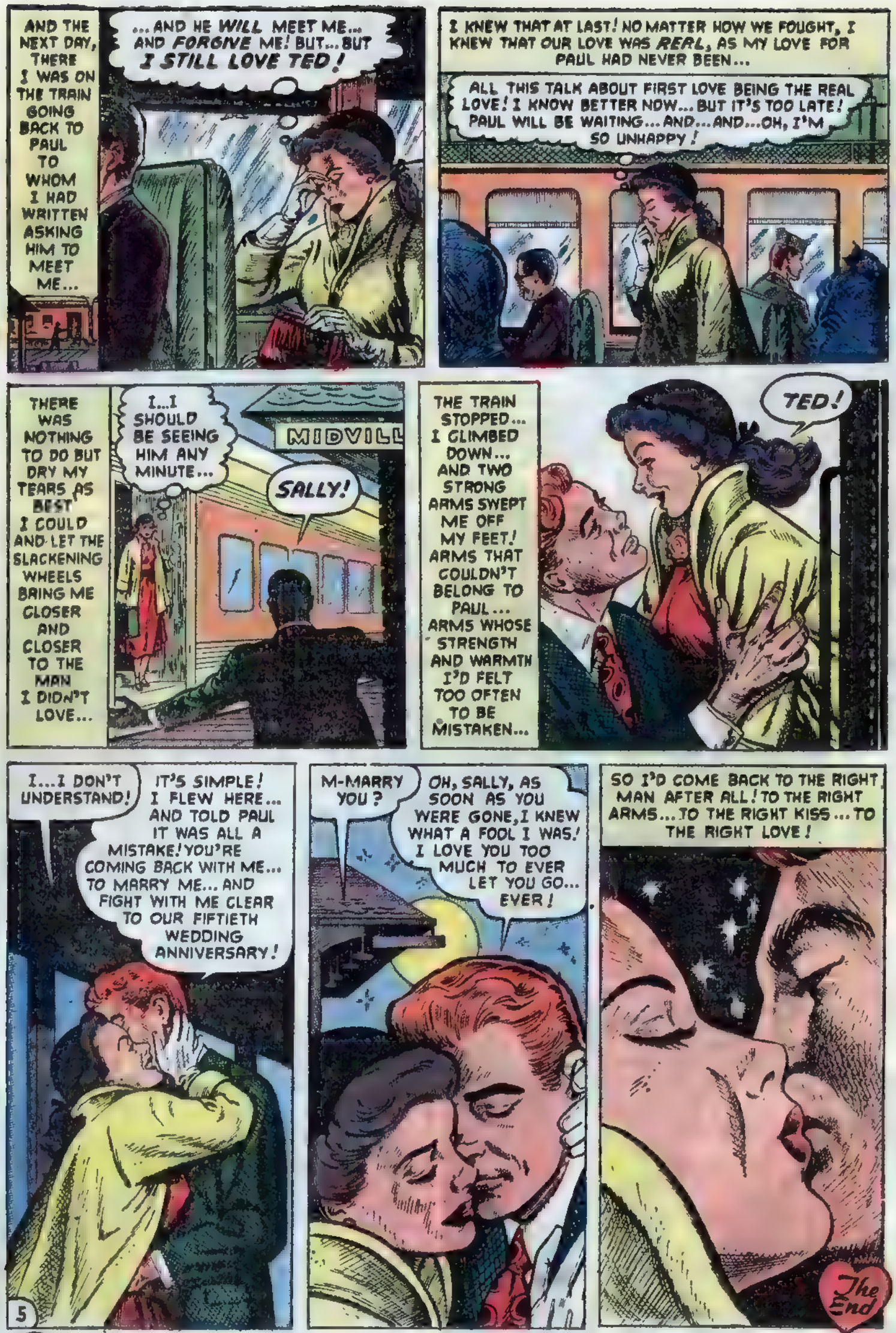
(SOB!) THE TRUTH IS THAT Y-YOU *NEVER* WANT TO GET MARRIED! YOU HAVE NO... (SOB)...SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY!

WE CAN'T AFFORD IT YET, AND YOU KNOW IT!

OUR PERSONALITIES... OUR TEMPERAMENTS... ALWAYS SEEMED TO BE CLASHING! IT SEEMED AS IF WE AUTOMATICALLY TOOK OPPOSITE SIDES OF AN ARGUMENT! THEN, FINALLY, CAME THE BIG BREAK...

I DON'T *BELIEVE* YOU HAVE TO WORK LATE ALL NEXT WEEK! YOU'RE JUST *TIRED* OF ME! YOU'RE PROBABLY RUNNING AROUND WITH SOMEONE ELSE!

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU BELIEVE, WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME? GO BACK TO YOUR PRECIOUS BANK CLERK! TIE *HIM* UP IN KNOTS FOR A WHILE!


AND THE NEXT DAY, THERE I WAS ON THE TRAIN GOING BACK TO PAUL TO WHOM I HAD WRITTEN ASKING HIM TO MEET ME...
...AND HE WILL MEET ME... AND FORGIVE ME! BUT...BUT I STILL LOVE TED!
I KNEW THAT AT LAST! NO MATTER HOW WE FOUGHT, I KNEW THAT OUR LOVE WAS REAL, AS MY LOVE FOR PAUL HAD NEVER BEEN...
ALL THIS TALK ABOUT FIRST LOVE BEING THE REAL LOVE! I KNOW BETTER NOW... BUT IT'S TOO LATE! PAUL WILL BE WAITING... AND... AND...OH, I'M SO UNHAPPY!
THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO BUT DRY MY TEARS AS BEST I COULD AND LET THE SLACKENING WHEELS BRING ME CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE MAN I DIDN'T LOVE...
I...I SHOULD BE SEEING HIM ANY MINUTE...
MIDVILL
SALLY!
THE TRAIN STOPPED... I CLIMBED DOWN... AND TWO STRONG ARMS SWEPT ME OFF MY FEET! ARMS THAT COULDN'T BELONG TO PAUL... ARMS WHOSE STRENGTH AND WARMTH I'D FELT TOO OFTEN TO BE MISTAKEN...
TED!
I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
IT'S SIMPLE! I FLEW HERE... AND TOLD PAUL IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE! YOU'RE COMING BACK WITH ME... TO MARRY ME... AND FIGHT WITH ME CLEAR TO OUR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!
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M-MARRY YOU?
OH, SALLY, AS SOON AS YOU WERE GONE, I KNEW WHAT A FOOL I WAS! I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH TO EVER LET YOU GO... EVER!
SO I'D COME BACK TO THE RIGHT MAN AFTER ALL! TO THE RIGHT ARMS... TO THE RIGHT KISS... TO THE RIGHT LOVE!
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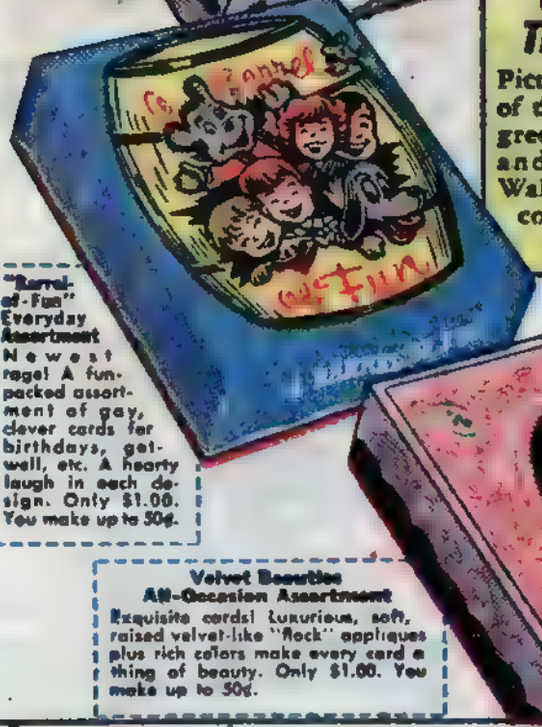

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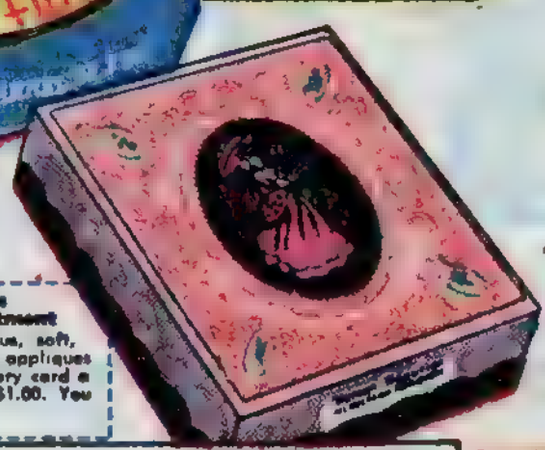

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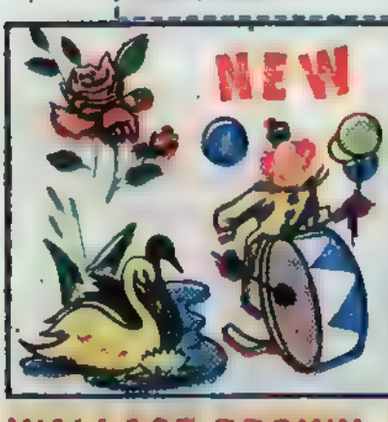

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ed through my whole being. Yes, I was in love. Truly in love for the first time.

We saw each other constantly all that summer. I knew the town gossips disapproved of us, but it didn't matter. Dad called me into his study one evening.

"Penny, I'm not going to tell you to stop seeing so much of Jim Forrester, but I want to warn you that the very young can be hurt badly when they take life too seriously too soon."

"We're in love, Dad," I said, knowing he would understand.

"Yes, Penny, I know. I hope both of you will be very careful not to make a mistake. That's all. It's late. You'd better go to bed."

I kissed Dad and went upstairs to my room. My heart sang as I thought of seeing Jim the next day.

He called for me as usual about noon. He seemed different somehow. Not quite so gay and his eyes didn't laugh when he smiled. I knew his moods as I knew my own name.

"What is it, Jim?" I asked after we were in the car.

"Penny, I guess you knew or at least I assumed you knew I would be going East to school in the fall. It's just two weeks away."

"No, I hadn't thought about it. But of course you must. It won't make any difference with us, will it?"

"No, darling, of course not. It's just that I hate to leave you. We're too young to think of marriage and I have five long years of college ahead of me. So much can happen when two people are separated for a long period of time. I'll only be able to see you on holidays. Believe me, they can't come too soon."

"You sound as though you're not sure of our love," I said, disturbed that he was afraid of a separation.

"Don't be silly, Penny. You know I love you and I want to marry you. Let's not talk about it anymore," he said and pressed his foot on the starter.

Jim had been gone a week, before the realization of his absence from my life actually struck me. I had my first experience then of desperate loneliness and endless longing for the one I loved. Although Jim wrote almost every day, I began to lose weight and felt as though my life had stopped until I saw him again.

As the weeks passed, his letters became more and more infrequent. When he wrote and saidthat he would not be able to come home at Thanksgiving, I thought that he had lied and it was a way of telling me that it

was all over, that he no longer wanted to be obligated to "the girl back home". I could barely hold the pen to write the letter I knew I had to write.

Well, I wrote it and mailed it. It seemed like such a short time ago that we were laughing together and loving each other. I could see his face everywhere. It seemed to be etched in the ceiling I stared at and in the space around me. I was sure that death must feel something like the way I felt now, for I lacked interest in everything, school, dancing, food, entertainment, even Dad.

Jim didn't answer my letter. This was all the proof necessary that I had been right about the cancellation of his trip, that now being with girls and boys of his own age, I was a silly child he had found some amusement in being with for a summer. The thing he obviously didn't know was that in my love for him I had become a woman.

It was December. The weeks had dragged on and the only thing that made me conscious of the passage of time was the snow. It was thick and white, blanketing everything.

Two days before Christmas, the bell rang and Dad answered.

"Penny!" he called. "Someone to see you."

I was in the kitchen preparing some candies and cookies for the holidays. My cheeks and hands were splattered with powdered sugar and flour when I came into the foyer, expecting that it would be Midge.

A cry escaped my lips when I saw Jim standing inside the door.

"Penny, come here," he ordered softly.

I came up to him shyly as though he were a stranger.

"First I'm going to kiss you, then I'm going to spank you for being an idiot. I tore the letter up and decided to wait until I came home to explain why I had to cut down on our correspondence."

"Jim, O, Jim," I cried, running to his open arms.

He kissed me as though he had felt the same longing and loneliness as I.

"Just so this won't happen again, young lady, I think we'd better be married in June. Do you think seventeen is too young for a girl to marry?"

"Yes, darling, I do. I'm going to wait two years. Not because I'm not sure, but because I want to show you I trust our love as much as you do."

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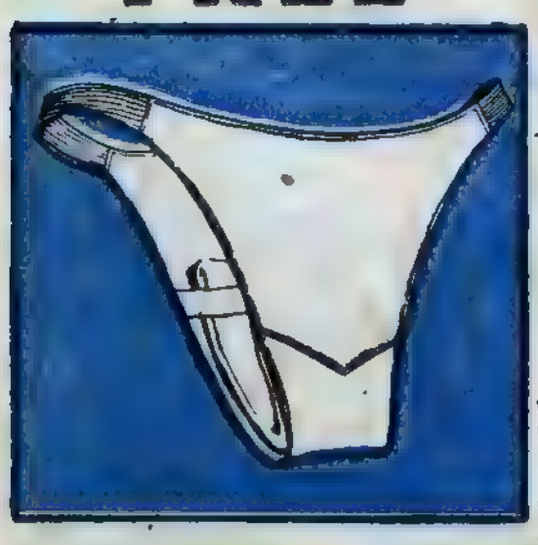

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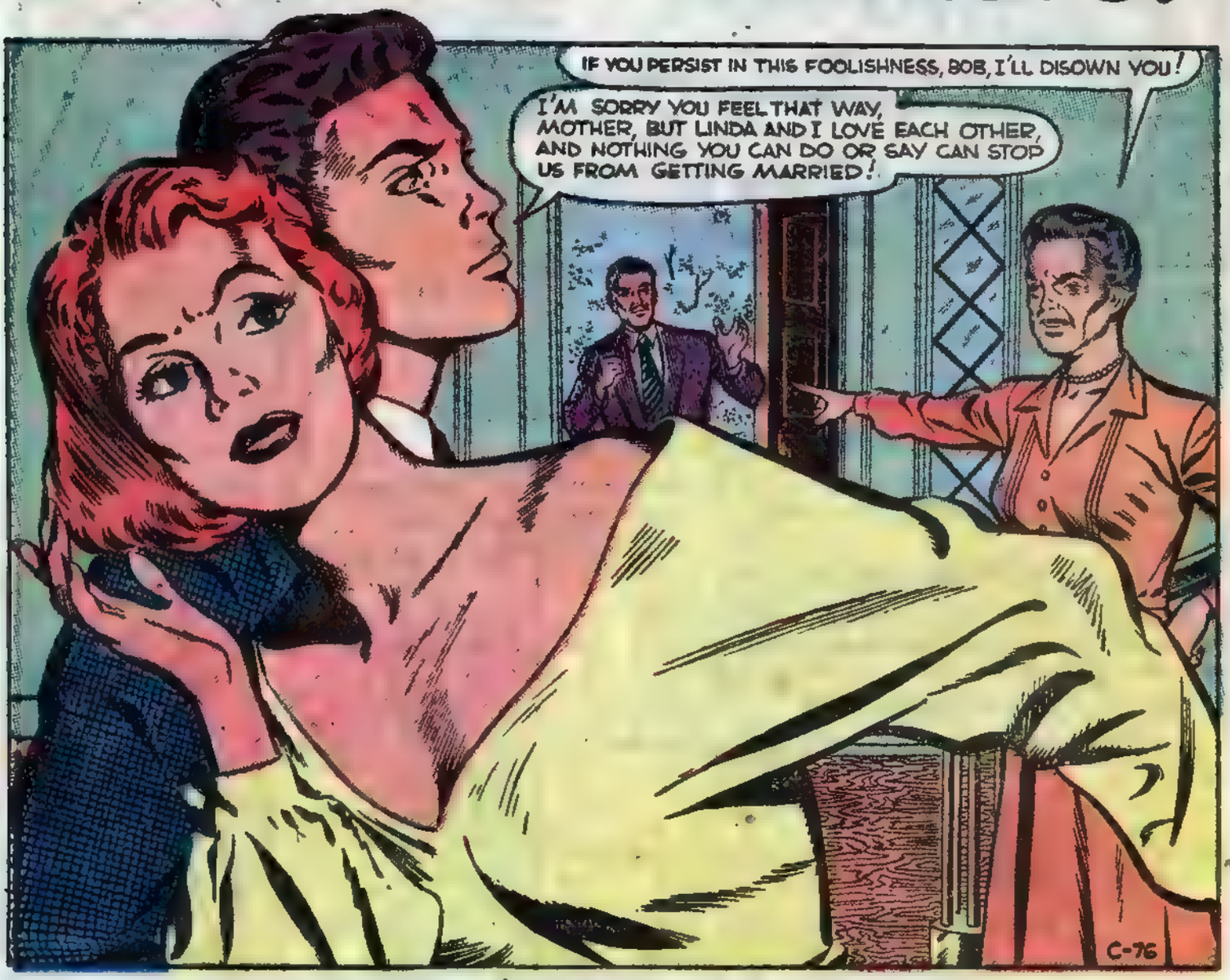
TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS!


IF YOU PERSIST IN THIS FOOLISHNESS, BOB, I'LL DISOWN YOU!
I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, MOTHER, BUT LINDA AND I LOVE EACH OTHER, AND NOTHING YOU CAN DO OR SAY CAN STOP US FROM GETTING MARRIED!
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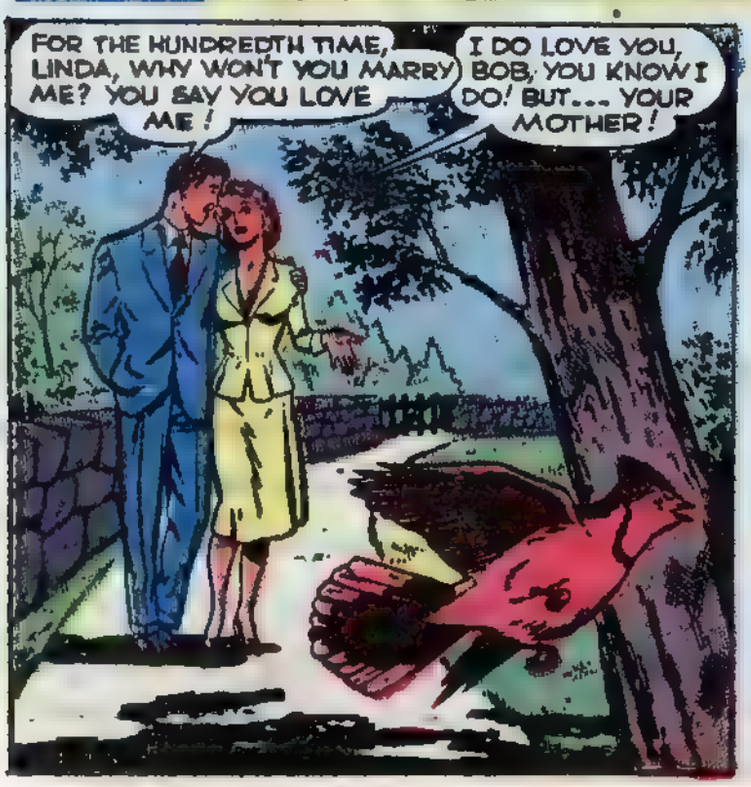

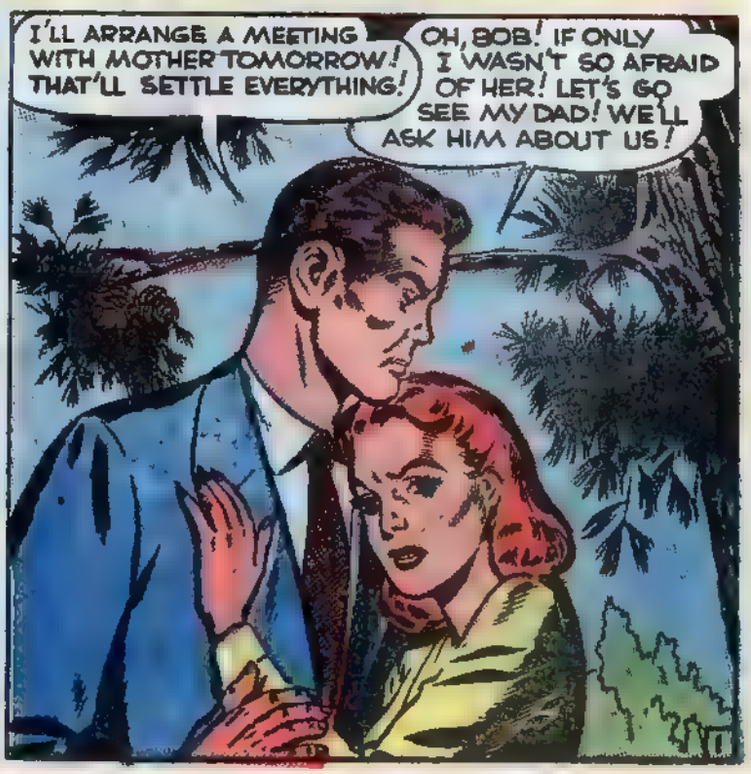
I'LL ARRANGE A MEETING WITH MOTHER TOMORROW! THAT'LL SETTLE EVERYTHING!
OH, BOB! IF ONLY I WASN'T SO AFRAID OF HER! LET'S GO SEE MY DAD! WE'LL ASK HIM ABOUT US!

DADDY, BOB AND I WANT YOUR ADVICE!
ABOUT WHAT?
LINDA AND I----ER----WANT TO GET MARRIED, MR. DREW!
WHAT ADVICE CAN I GIVE YOU? GO AHEAD, WITH MY BLESSING!
DADDY DARLING, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO, IS CONVINCE MOTHER TOMORROW!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SWEETHEART? WHY SO WORRIED?
I'M THINKING ABOUT YOUR MOTHER, BOB!
THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME I HAD MET BOB'S MOTHER, I HAD THE FEELING THAT SHE WAS LOOKING DOWN AT ME- ALMOST HATED ME! THAT'S WHAT SCARED ME NOW!
I MUST ADMIT MOTHER SCARES PEOPLE! BUT AFTER YOU GET TO KNOW HER, YOU'LL LIKE HER! SHE'S SWELL!
IF ONLY SHE WASN'T SO COLD AND FORBIDDING! I WANT TO LIKE HER, BOB, FOR YOUR SAKE!
YOU'LL NEVER GET ANYWHERE DODGING ISSUES! YOU'VE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF! JUST TELL BOB'S MOTHER YOU'RE IN LOVE, AND WANT TO GET MARRIED!
IT'S ALRIGHT FOR YOU TO TALK LIKE THAT, DADDY, BUT YOU'VE NEVER SEEN MRS. CROWN!
I'LL SORT OF PREPARE MOTHER TONIGHT, AND I'LL CALL YOU IN THE MORNING! BYE!
BOB DARLING, I HOPE EVERYTHING WORKS OUT! I LOVE YOU SO!
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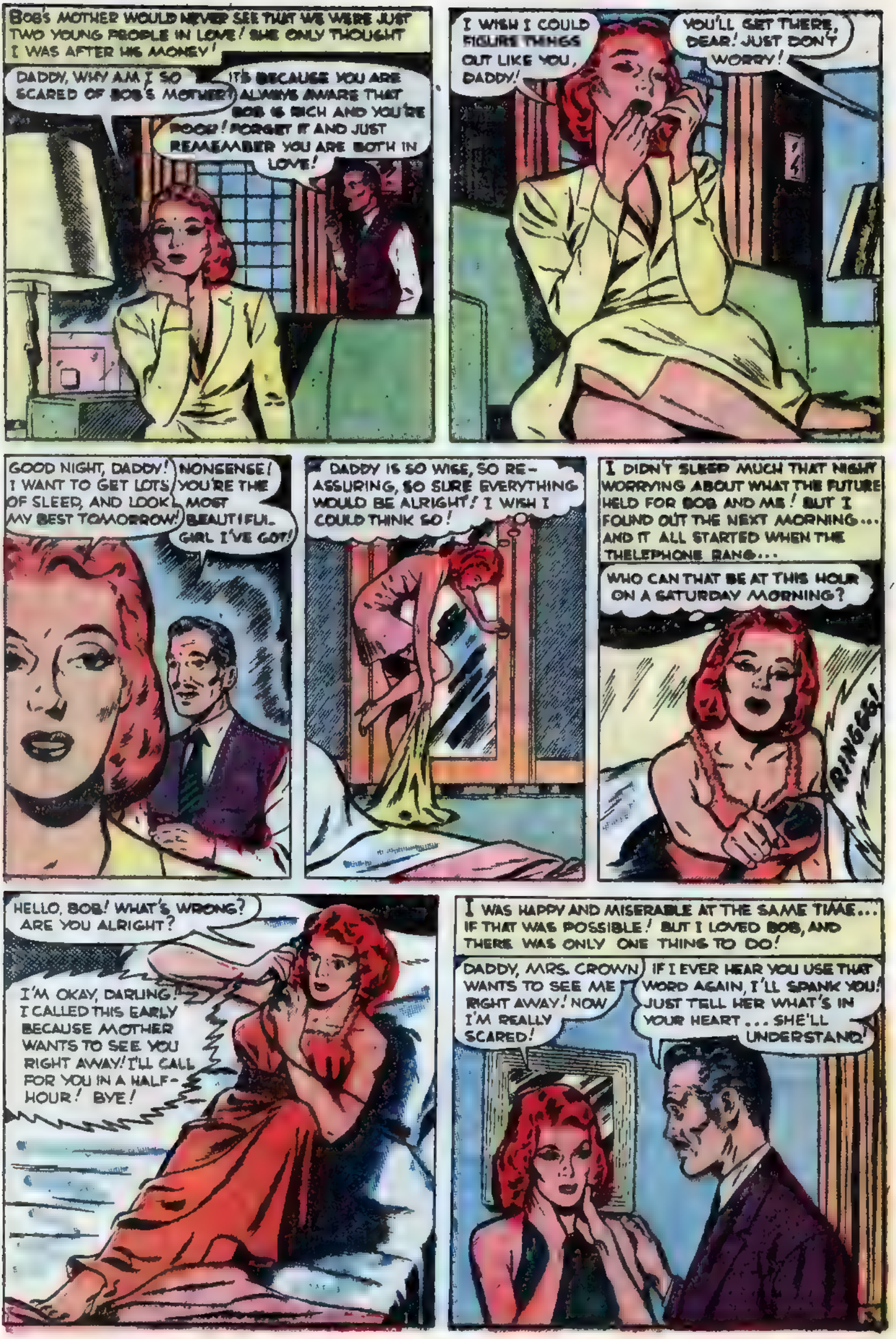
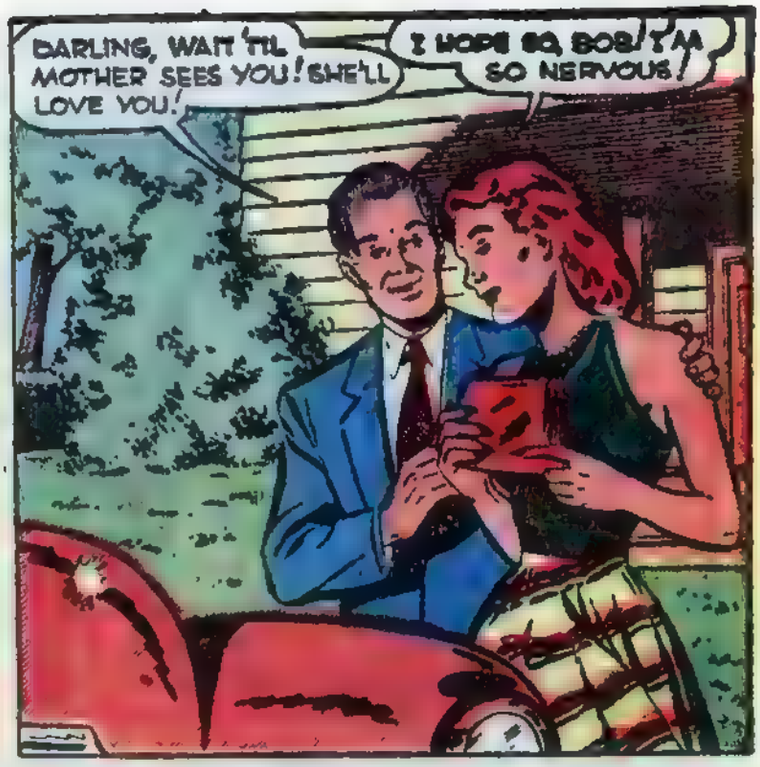

BOB'S MOTHER WOULD NEVER SEE THAT WE WERE JUST TWO YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOVE! SHE ONLY THOUGHT I WAS AFTER HIS MONEY!
DADDY, WHY AM I SO SCARED OF BOB'S MOTHER?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE ALWAYS AWARE THAT BOB IS RICH AND YOU'RE POOR! FORGET IT AND JUST REMEMBER YOU ARE BOTH IN LOVE!
I WISH I COULD FIGURE THINGS OUT LIKE YOU, DADDY!
YOU'LL GET THERE, DEAR! JUST DON'T WORRY!
GOOD NIGHT, DADDY! I WANT TO GET LOTS OF SLEEP, AND LOOK MY BEST TOMORROW!
NONSENSE! YOU'RE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL I'VE GOT!
DADDY IS SO WISE, SO RE-ASSURING, SO SURE EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALRIGHT! I WISH I COULD THINK SO!
I DIDN'T SLEEP MUCH THAT NIGHT WORRYING ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE HELD FOR BOB AND ME! BUT I FOUND OUT THE NEXT MORNING... AND IT ALL STARTED WHEN THE TELEPHONE RANG...
WHO CAN THAT BE AT THIS HOUR ON A SATURDAY MORNING?
RINGG!
HELLO, BOB! WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I'M OKAY, DARLING! I CALLED THIS EARLY BECAUSE MOTHER WANTS TO SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY! I'LL CALL FOR YOU IN A HALF-HOUR! BYE!
I WAS HAPPY AND MISERABLE AT THE SAME TIME... IF THAT WAS POSSIBLE! BUT I LOVED BOB, AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO!
DADDY, MRS. CROWN WANTS TO SEE ME RIGHT AWAY! NOW I'M REALLY SCARED!
IF I EVER HEAR YOU USE THAT WORD AGAIN, I'LL SPANK YOU! JUST TELL HER WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART... SHE'LL UNDERSTAND!

THERE'S BOB NOW, DADDY! DO I LOOK ALRIGHT?
YOU NEVER LOOKED LOVELIER, MY DEAR!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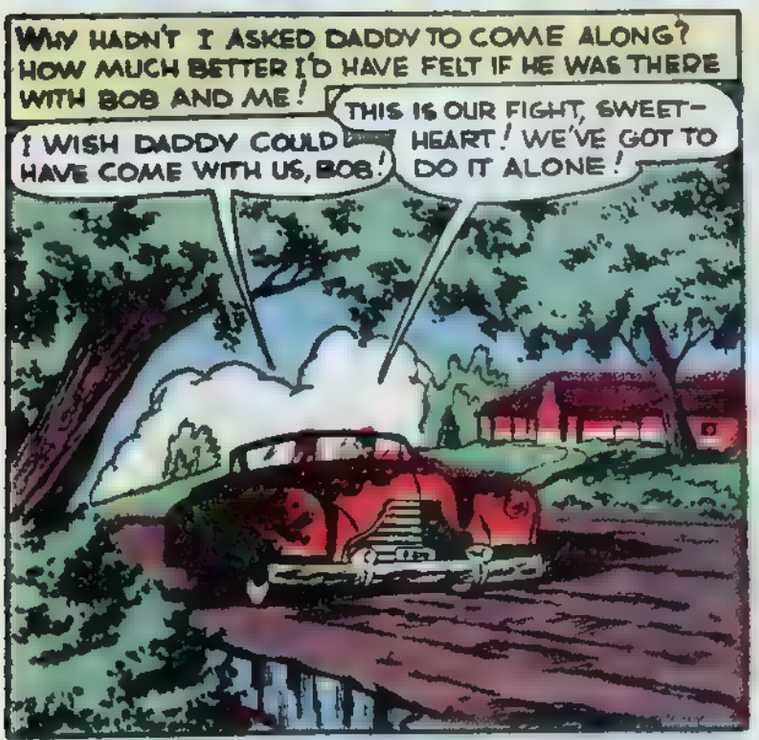
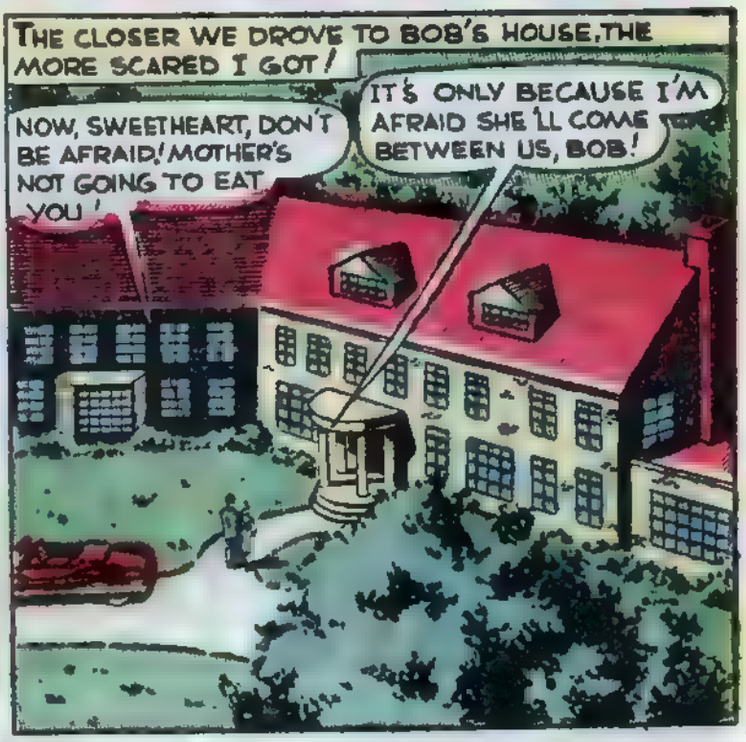
I HOPE SO, BOB! I'M SO NERVOUS!

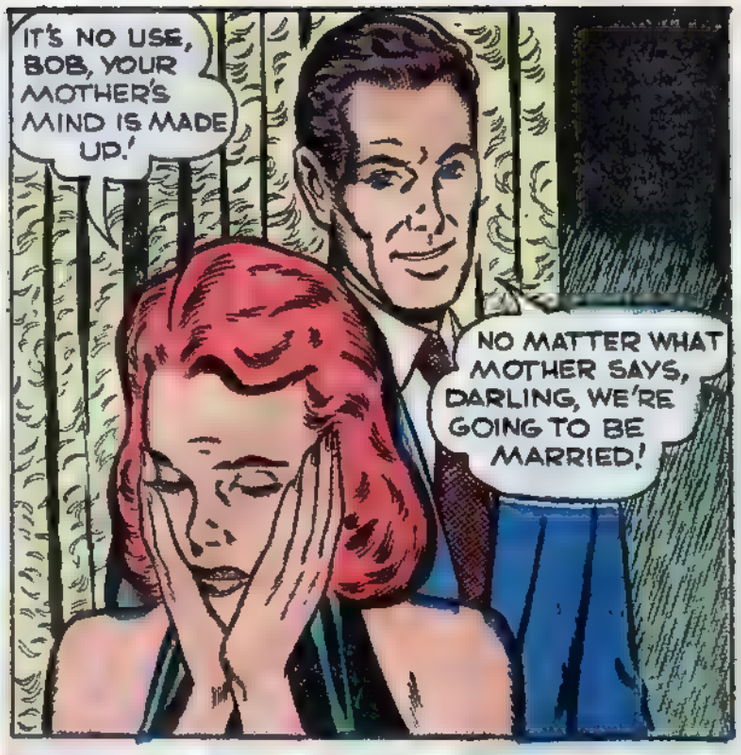

WHY HADN'T I ASKED DADDY TO COME ALONG? HOW MUCH BETTER I'D HAVE FELT IF HE WAS THERE WITH BOB AND ME!
I WISH DADDY COULD HAVE COME WITH US, BOB!
THIS IS OUR FIGHT, SWEETHEART! WE'VE GOT TO DO IT ALONE!

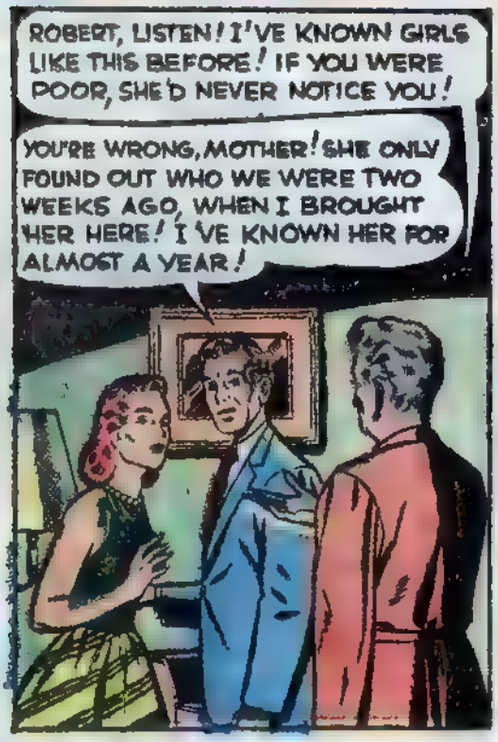

THE CLOSER WE DROVE TO BOB'S HOUSE, THE MORE SCARED I GOT!
NOW, SWEETHEART, DON'T BE AFRAID! MOTHER'S NOT GOING TO EAT YOU!
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I'M AFRAID SHE'LL COME BETWEEN US, BOB!

YOU ARE A VERY BEAUTIFUL GIRL, MY DEAR!
THANK YOU, MRS. CROWN!

I DON'T WONDER MY SON HAS FALLEN FOR YOU! NOW, BOB, WHAT IS ALL THIS ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL ME?
MOTHER! LINDA AND I LOVE EACH OTHER AND WANT TO GET MARRIED!

IT WAS THEN THAT THE HATE I ALWAYS FELT SHE HAD FOR ME, SHOWED IN HER FACE AND IN HER ACTIONS!
YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MIND, ROBERT! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
MRS. CROWN, WHEN TWO PEOPLE LOVE EACH OTHER, IT'S NATURAL TO WANT TO MARRY, ISN'T IT?




ROBERT, LISTEN! I'VE KNOWN GIRLS LIKE THIS BEFORE! IF YOU WERE POOR, SHE'D NEVER NOTICE YOU!
YOU'RE WRONG, MOTHER! SHE ONLY FOUND OUT WHO WE WERE TWO WEEKS AGO, WHEN I BROUGHT HER HERE! I'VE KNOWN HER FOR ALMOST A YEAR!

THE LOOK OF ANGER ON MRS. CROWN'S FACE CHANGED TO SURPRISE, AS SHE SAW DADDY!
DADDY, YOU DID COME EVEN AFTER I FORGOT TO ASK YOU!
MRS. CROWN... GLORIA... I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY BARGING IN LIKE THIS! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!

JOHN, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS! WHAT DID LINDA CALL YOU?
SHE'S MY LITTLE GIRL, GLORIA! ABOUT HER MARRYING BOB, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT YOU WERE VERY POOR WHEN YOU MARRIED JOE! THERE'S NO REASON WHY OUR KIDS CAN'T BE SO HAPPY AS YOU WERE!

WHAT AN OLD FOOL I'VE BEEN! AND ALL THE TIME, BOB WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL, SWEET GIRL LIKE LINDA LOVE HIM!
LINDA, HEAR THAT? MOTHER SAYS IT'S OKAY!
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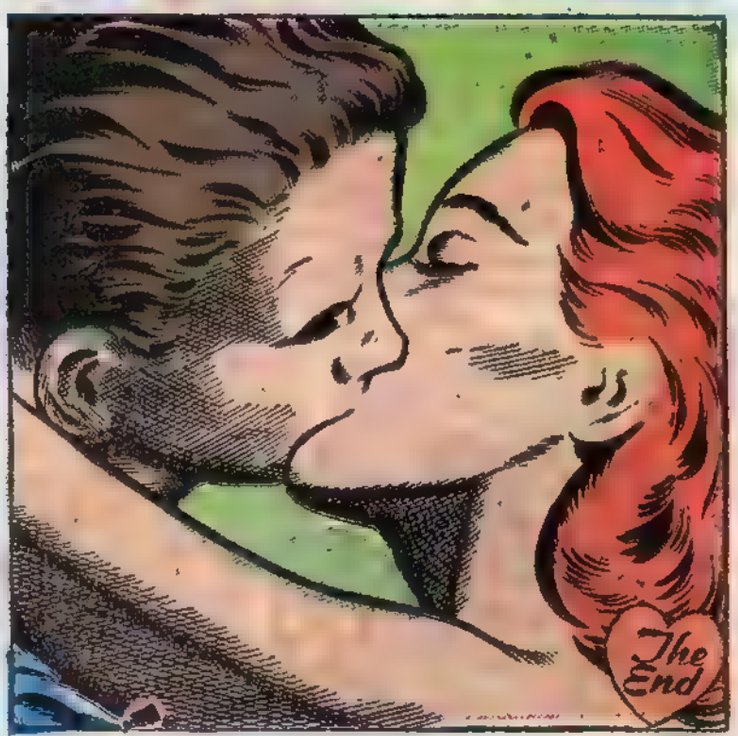

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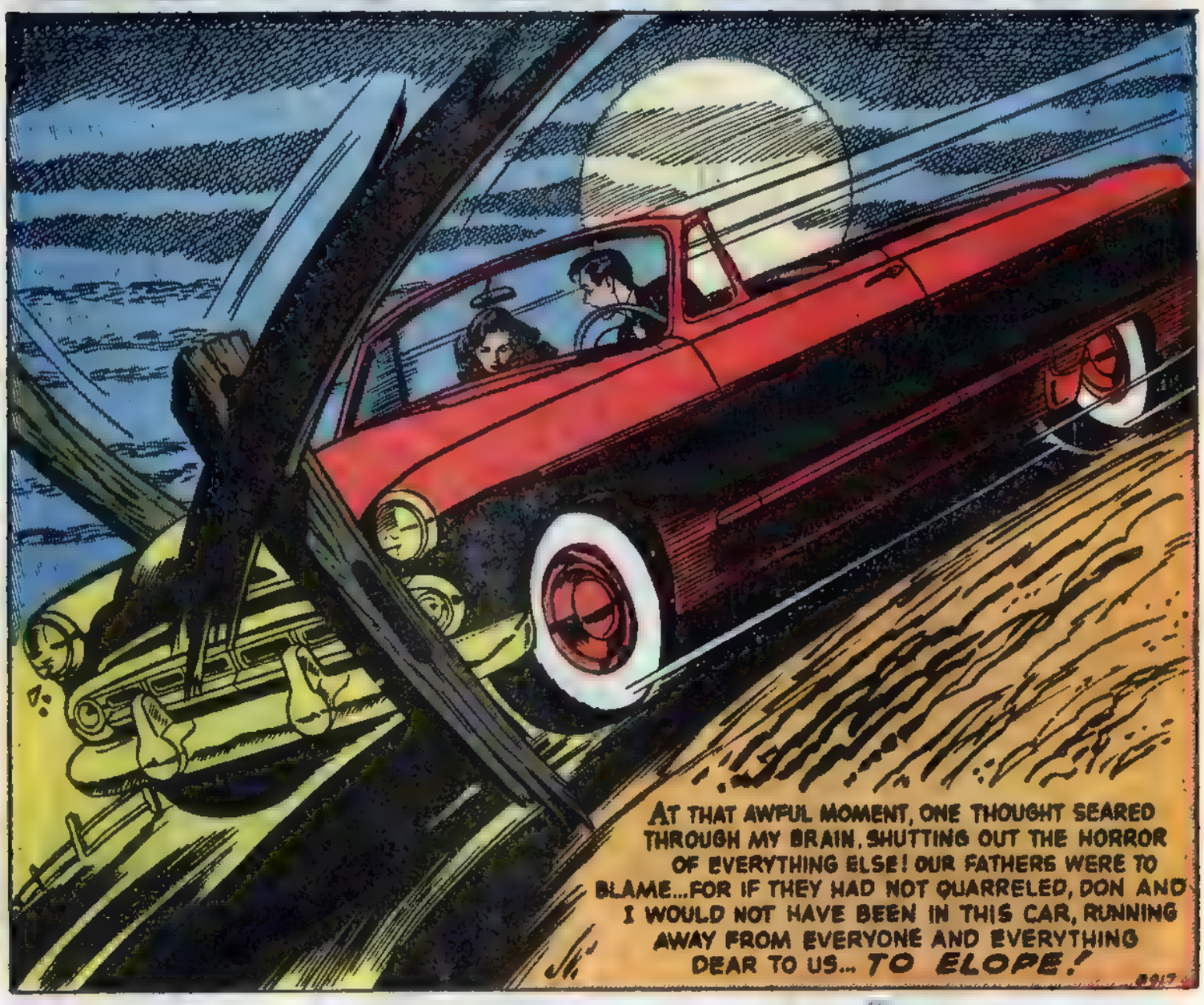
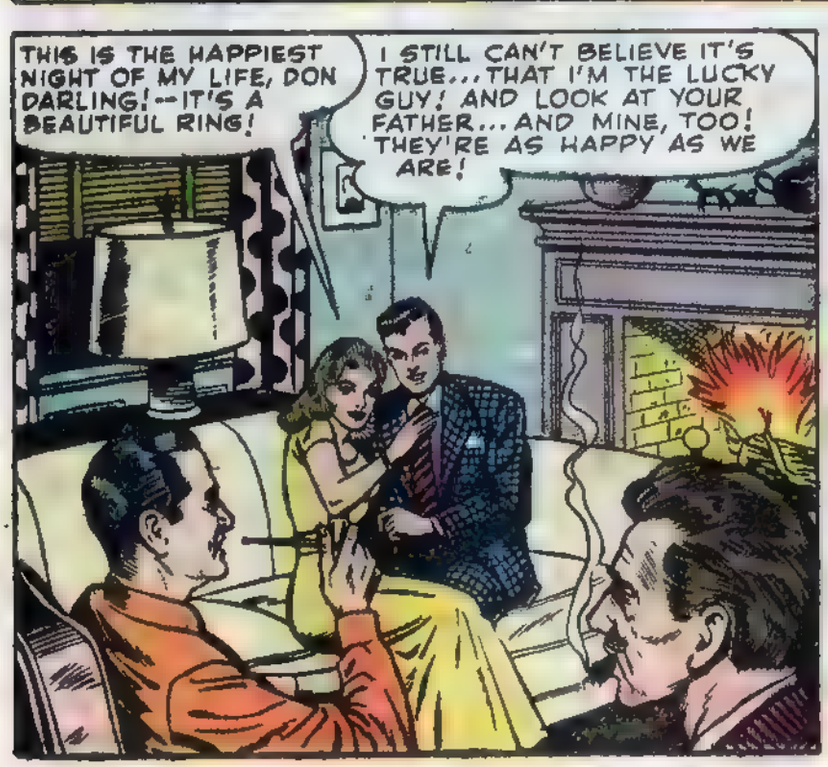

AT THAT AWFUL MOMENT, ONE THOUGHT SEARED THROUGH MY BRAIN, SHUTTING OUT THE HORROR OF EVERYTHING ELSE! OUR FATHERS WERE TO BLAME...FOR IF THEY HAD NOT QUARRELED, DON AND I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN THIS CAR, RUNNING AWAY FROM EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING DEAR TO US... TO ELOPE!


THIS IS THE HAPPIEST NIGHT OF MY LIFE, DON DARLING!--IT'S A BEAUTIFUL RING!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S TRUE...THAT I'M THE LUCKY GUY! AND LOOK AT YOUR FATHER...AND MINE, TOO! THEY'RE AS HAPPY AS WE ARE!

IF ONLY THEIR MOTHERS WERE HERE TO SEE THIS, JIM!
WE'VE BEEN BOTH TO THEM, CHARLEY, AND WE'LL HAVE TO BE AS LONG AS THEY WANT US!

CAROLE HONEY, I CALLED YOU DOWN HERE BECAUSE I WANT TO TELL YOU THIS BEFORE YOU READ IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS...I'VE BEEN NOMINATED FOR MAYOR!

MAYOR!? WHY, DADDY, THAT'S WONDERFUL NEWS! I'M THRILLED!

IT'S THE CULMINATION OF YEARS OF HARD WORK AND A LIFELONG AMBITION! I CALLED YOUR FATHER-IN-LAW TO BE, BUT HE'S BUSY AT THE HOSPITAL! WE'LL TELL HIM AT DINNER TONIGHT!

I STILL CAN'T GET OVER IT, DADDY! NOW I'LL REALLY BE IMPORTANT IN THIS TOWN!

EVER SINCE MOTHER DIED, DAD HAD TRIED TO FORGET, TAKING CARE OF ME... AND BY WORKING HARD! NOW I WAS GETTING MARRIED AND HE WAS GOING TO RUN FOR MAYOR! I COULD SEE HOW HAPPY HE WAS BY JUST LOOKING AT HIM!

DADDY'S TELLING "UNCLE" CHARLEY! THEY BOTH LOOK HAPPY ABOUT IT, DON'T THEY, DON?

ALMOST AS HAPPY AS WE ARE, SWEETHEART!

YOU'D BETTER BE NICE TO ME FROM NOW ON, MR. BENTLY! YOU KNOW, THE MAYOR'S DAUGHTER IS PRETTY IMPORTANT AROUND HERE!

NOW YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET MY SPEEDING TICKETS FIXED, MAYBE!

WHAT MORE COULD A GIRL ASK FOR?...AS DON HELD ME TIGHTLY IN HIS ARMS, CLOSE TO HIM, I COULD HAVE DANCED WITH HIM -- FOREVER!

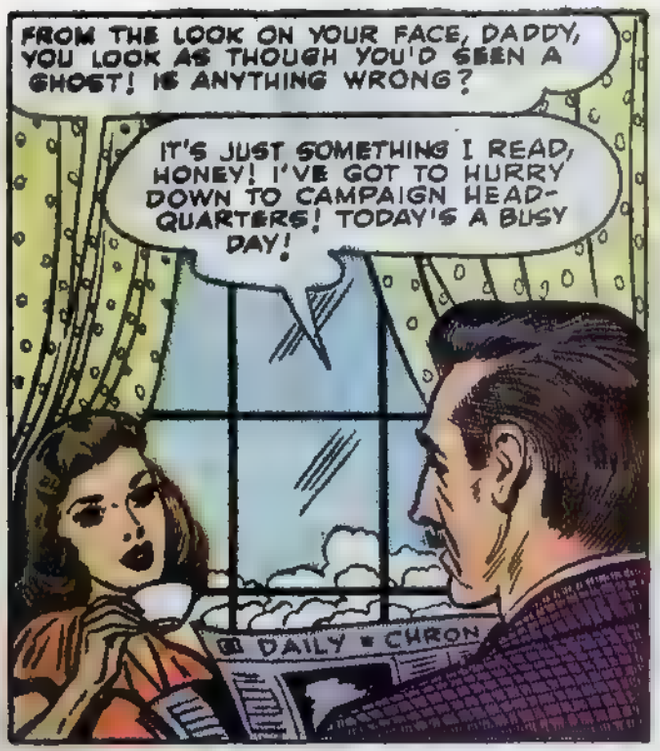
DADDY, AS THE MAYOR'S DAUGHTER, I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT THE MEN I'M SEEN WITH!

THE MAN YOU'RE WITH RIGHT NOW IS THE ONE YOU'D BETTER BE SEEN WITH FROM NOW ON, YOUNG LADY!

WHAT A PITY THAT SUCH A LOVELY EVENING HAS TO END!

ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END, HONEY! BUT THERE'LL BE MANY MORE FOR YOU!

AS DON AND DR. BENTLY WALKED AWAY, A CLOUD RACED ACROSS THE MOON, AND AT THAT MOMENT, A VAGUE FEELING OF IMPENDING DANGER FLASHED ACROSS MY MIND!


FROM THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE, DADDY, YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU'D SEEN A GHOST! IS ANYTHING WRONG?
IT'S JUST SOMETHING I READ, HONEY! I'VE GOT TO HURRY DOWN TO CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS! TODAY'S A BUSY DAY!
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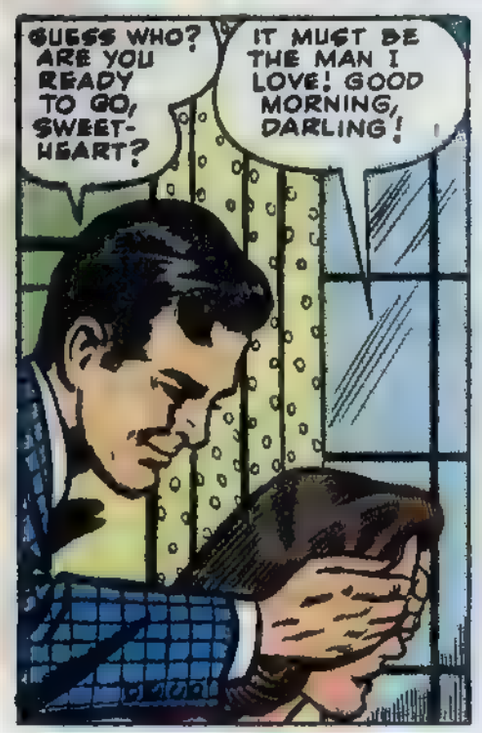
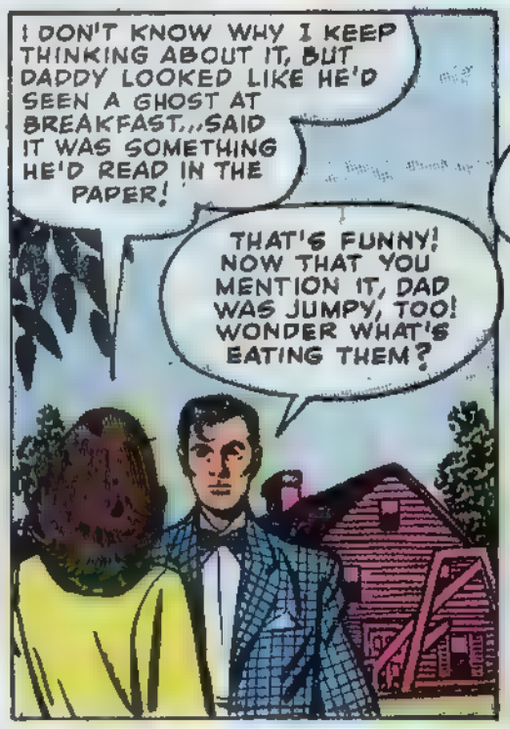
THE PAST TEN DAYS HAD BEEN BUSY, HAPPY ONES... DON AND I MAKING LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS FOR OUR WEDDING, TRYING TO FIND A HOME AND ATTENDING ALL THE PARTIES GIVEN BY OUR FRIENDS!



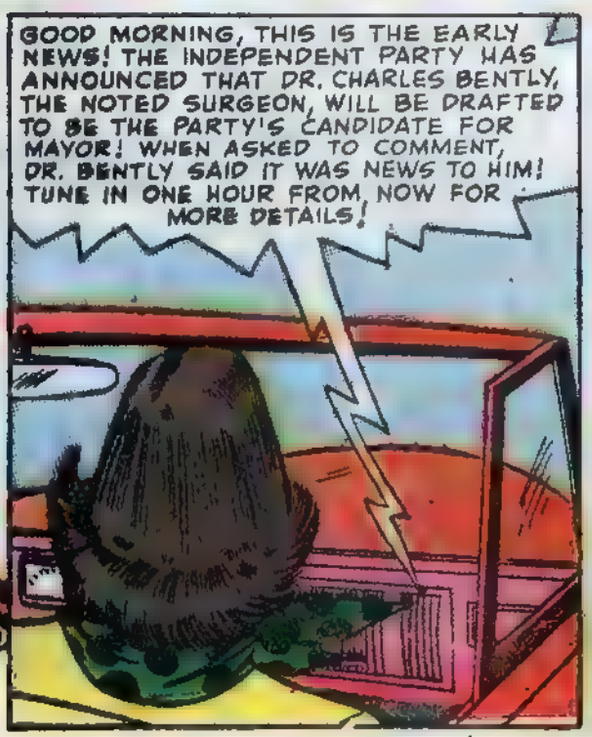

I DON'T KNOW WHY I KEEP THINKING ABOUT IT, BUT DADDY LOOKED LIKE HE'D SEEN A GHOST AT BREAKFAST...SAID IT WAS SOMETHING HE'D READ IN THE PAPER!
THAT'S FUNNY! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, DAD WAS JUMPY, TOO! WONDER WHAT'S EATING THEM?

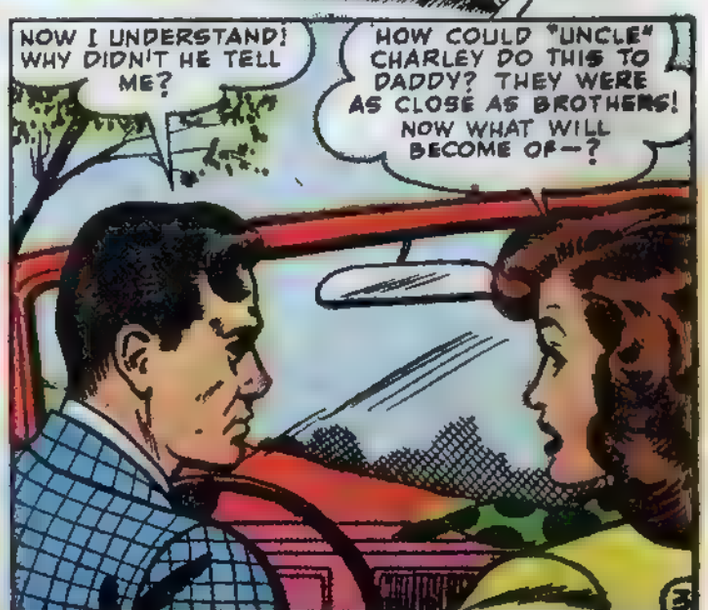
TALKING TO DON REMINDED ME OF THE PREMONITION I'D HAD LAST NIGHT, BUT IT SEEMED SILLY TO BRING THAT UP NOW!

DADDY'S MOOD PROBABLY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE ELECTION! EVER SINCE HE WAS NOMINATED, HE'S BEEN THE BUSIEST MAN IN TOWN!

YES, BUT MY DAD'S NOT RUNNING FOR OFFICE... ALTHOUGH, LATELY, HE'S BEEN ACTIVE IN THE INDEPENDENT PARTY! YOU KNOW THEY LIKE TO GET BIG, PROFESSIONAL MEN TO WORK WITH THEM!

IF I'D HAD ANY FEARS, THEY ALL DISAPPEARED AS I SAT BESIDE THE MAN I LOVED ON THAT BEAUTIFUL MORNING, DRIVING INTO TOWN! NOTHING COULD MAR OUR HAPPINESS!


GOOD MORNING, THIS IS THE EARLY NEWS! THE INDEPENDENT PARTY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DR. CHARLES BENTLY, THE NOTED SURGEON, WILL BE DRAFTED TO BE THE PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR! WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT, DR. BENTLY SAID IT WAS NEWS TO HIM! TUNE IN ONE HOUR FROM NOW FOR MORE DETAILS!


NOW I UNDERSTAND! WHY DIDN'T HE TELL ME?
HOW COULD "UNCLE" CHARLEY DO THIS TO DADDY? THEY WERE AS CLOSE AS BROTHERS! NOW WHAT WILL BECOME OF—?

A FEW WORDS ON THE RADIO, AND THE SUNSHINE AND HAPPINESS WERE GONE! ONLY THAT CLOUD RACING ACROSS THE MOON REMAINED IN MY MIND!

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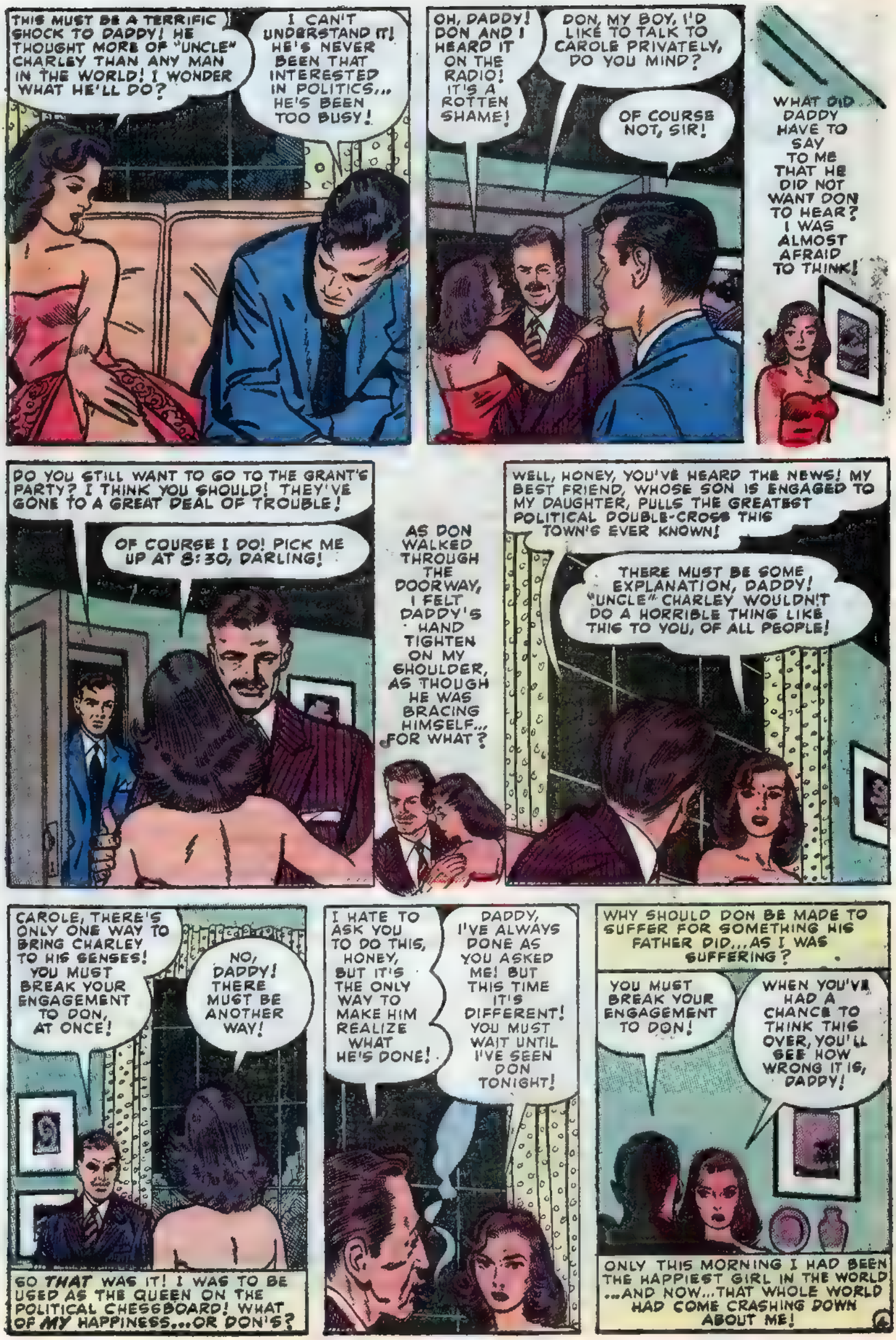
THIS MUST BE A TERRIFIC SHOCK TO DADDY! HE THOUGHT MORE OF "UNCLE" CHARLEY THAN ANY MAN IN THE WORLD! I WONDER WHAT HE'LL DO?
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! HE'S NEVER BEEN THAT INTERESTED IN POLITICS... HE'S BEEN TOO BUSY!
OH, DADDY! DON AND I HEARD IT ON THE RADIO! IT'S A ROTTEN SHAME!
DON, MY BOY, I'D LIKE TO TALK TO CAROLE PRIVATELY, DO YOU MIND?
OF COURSE NOT, SIR!
WHAT DID DADDY HAVE TO SAY TO ME THAT HE DID NOT WANT DON TO HEAR? I WAS ALMOST AFRAID TO THINK!
DO YOU STILL WANT TO GO TO THE GRANT'S PARTY? I THINK YOU SHOULD! THEY'VE GONE TO A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE!
OF COURSE I DO! PICK ME UP AT 8:30, DARLING!
AS DON WALKED THROUGH THE DOORWAY, I FELT DADDY'S HAND TIGHTEN ON MY SHOULDER, AS THOUGH HE WAS BRACING HIMSELF... FOR WHAT?
WELL, HONEY, YOU'VE HEARD THE NEWS! MY BEST FRIEND, WHOSE SON IS ENGAGED TO MY DAUGHTER, PULLS THE GREATEST POLITICAL DOUBLE-CROSS THIS TOWN'S EVER KNOWN!
THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION, DADDY! "UNCLE" CHARLEY WOULDN'T DO A HORRIBLE THING LIKE THIS TO YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE!
CAROLE, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO BRING CHARLEY TO HIS SENSES! YOU MUST BREAK YOUR ENGAGEMENT TO DON, AT ONCE!
NO, DADDY! THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY!
SO THAT WAS IT! I WAS TO BE USED AS THE QUEEN ON THE POLITICAL CHESSBOARD! WHAT OF MY HAPPINESS...OR DON'S?
I HATE TO ASK YOU TO DO THIS, HONEY, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE HIM REALIZE WHAT HE'S DONE!
DADDY, I'VE ALWAYS DONE AS YOU ASKED ME! BUT THIS TIME IT'S DIFFERENT! YOU MUST WAIT UNTIL I'VE SEEN DON TONIGHT!
WHY SHOULD DON BE MADE TO SUFFER FOR SOMETHING HIS FATHER DID...AS I WAS SUFFERING?
YOU MUST BREAK YOUR ENGAGEMENT TO DON!
WHEN YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO THINK THIS OVER, YOU'LL SEE HOW WRONG IT IS, DADDY!
ONLY THIS MORNING I HAD BEEN THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD ...AND NOW...THAT WHOLE WORLD HAD COME CRASHING DOWN ABOUT ME!

"UNCLE" CHARLEY, PLEASE TELL DADDY IT'S ALL A BIG MISTAKE!

CAROLE, PLEASE STAY! I WANT YOU TO HEAR ME TELL YOUR FATHER THAT I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO WITHDRAW! THIS MUST NOT CHANGE ANYTHING BETWEEN YOU AND DON!

YOU'VE GOT A NERVE COMING INTO MY HOUSE AFTER WHAT'S HAPPENED! GET OUT! AS FAR AS CAROLE'S CONCERNED, SHE'LL TELL DON TONIGHT THE ENGAGEMENT'S BROKEN!

MY FATHER'S HATRED FOR HIS CLOSEST FRIEND OF YESTERDAY WAS FRIGHTENING! I COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL I SAW DON... MAYBE HE COULD THINK FOR BOTH OF US!

IT'S A HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE, DARLING! BUT I WON'T GIVE YOU UP! I LOVE YOU! WE CAN GET MARRIED RIGHT AWAY!

YOU MEAN, ELOPE? OF COURSE! REMEMBER THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICE ON MAIN STREET IN WEST VALE?

IT'S NOT A NIGHT TO BE DRIVING!

JUST DRIVE CAREFULLY, DARLING! WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME!

IF ONLY THE FOG WOULD LIFT! I COULD HARDLY SEE FIFTY FEET AHEAD! BUT DON WAS A GOOD DRIVER...

DON! LOOK OUT! THE FENCE!

THE LAST THING I REMEMBERED WAS THE FENCE LOOMING UP THROUGH THE FOG AND DON TRYING DESPERATELY TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE CAR!

SHE'S JUST SHAKEN UP, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY!

WE'LL GO AHEAD OF YOU, MAKE BETTER TIME THAT WAY! COME ALONG, MISS!

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THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN WHO CAN OPERATE ON THIS YOUNG MAN! THAT'S HIS FATHER, DR. BENTLY! IT'S UNUSUAL, BUT HIS LIFE'S AT STAKE!

I OVERHEARD WHAT YOU SAID, DOCTOR! GET "UNCLE" CHARLEY! WHERE'S A TELEPHONE?

AS THE TELEPHONE RANG, A PRAYER CAME TO MY LIPS... A PRAYER FOR THE LIFE OF THE MAN I LOVED!

"UNCLE" CHARLEY! THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT! DON'S HURT! WE'RE AT MERCY HOSPITAL... PLEASE HURRY!

I'LL BE THERE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!

THOSE WERE THE LONGEST FIFTEEN MINUTES I EVER SPENT... WAITING FOR "UNCLE" CHARLEY! BUT AS HE CAME THROUGH THE DOOR, A LOAD LIFTED FROM MY HEART!

CAROLE HONEY, I CAME AS SOON AS I HEARD! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? HOW IS DON?

OH, DADDY, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE! I'M ALL RIGHT! DON'S IN THERE WITH "UNCLE" CHARLIE!

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL IT BE, NURSE?

DR. BENTLY WILL COME IN AS SOON AS THE OPERATION'S FINISHED, MISS WRIGHT!

DADDY AND THE NURSE DID WHAT THEY COULD TO HELP ME, BUT I SHALL NEVER FORGET SITTING IN THAT SMALL OFFICE... WAITING... WAITING!

DON'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, CAROLE, MY DEAR! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM IN A FEW DAYS!

YOU MEAN YOU SAVED HIM, "UNCLE" CHARLEY?

WHAT A FEW WORDS CAN DO! A FEW MOMENTS AGO, ALL I KNEW WAS DESPAIR! NOW THERE WAS HOPE AND HAPPINESS!

I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, TOO, JIM! I FINALLY CONVINCED THOSE WELL-MEANING PEOPLE THAT MY JOB IS HEALING THE SICK, AND THAT THE CITY'S ILLS SHOULD BE HEALED BY AN HONEST POLITICIAN! I'VE WITHDRAWN!

CHARLEY, THAT'S THE FIRST GOOD NEWS I'VE HAD ALL DAY! BUT TO THINK IT TOOK A TRAGIC ACCIDENT FOR ME TO HEAR IT, FOR I'D NEVER HAVE LISTENED TO YOU OTHERWISE!

DADDY WAS RIGHT! DON HAD ALMOST LOST HIS LIFE... BUT THE BEST NEWS I COULD GIVE HIM WAS THAT HIS FATHER AND MINE WERE FRIENDS AGAIN!

ONE THING I CAN'T REMEMBER, CAROLE! WERE WE MARRIED BEFORE THE CRASH?

NO, MY DARLING... BUT WE WILL BE AS SOON AS YOU GET OUT OF HERE!

THE THREE WEEKS OF DON'S CONVALESCENCE HAD DONE MORE THAN MAKE HIM WELL AGAIN... IT HAD BROUGHT DADDY AND "UNCLE" CHARLEY CLOSER THAN EVER--AS TRAGEDIES SOMETIMES DO... AND IT HAD BROUGHT ME BACK THE MAN I LOVE!

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